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Capacity crowd packs '01 Youth Night

By William H. Perkins Jr.
Editor

It took all 9,000 seats to hold the capacity crowd at the 2001 edition of Mississippi Baptist Youth Night July 27 at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson.

"We were honored to have that many young people — and that many Mississippi Baptist churches — make the effort to attend Youth Night. It was one of the best Youth Night events we've had," said Don Lum, chairman of the annual event's planning committee and a consultant in the Evangelism Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

"It's an honor we don't take lightly, because we are aware of the many young lives that are being affected for eternity," he said.

The capacity crowd cheered popular Christian recording artist Michael John Clement of Birmingham as he performed a number of hit songs from his repertoire.

Rick Ousley, pastor of The Church at Brook Hill in Birmingham, held the crowd spellbound as he preached on the importance of servanthood in the church and evangelism outside the church.

"From the music and preaching standpoints, it was obvious that God's Spirit was there from the beginning of the service," Lum pointed out.

Lum said more than 400 decisions for the Lord were made during the invitation time.

"We had 400 decision cards printed and we ran completely out of the cards, so we



SURRENDERING ALL — Young people crowd around the stage as the invitation is given during Mississippi Baptist Youth Night July 27 at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson. A capacity crowd of 9,000 participants saw more than 400 decisions made for the Lord. (Photo by William H. Perkins Jr.)

know the decisions were in excess of 400," he recounted.

Lum commended the young people who attended for their integrity and focus on the Lord.

"They were attentive and interested in what was going on. I didn't see a lot of movement during the times we were focused on worship and decisions," he said.

The love offering taken at the event was another indication of the seriousness with which the young participants approached the event, Lum said, with the total amount exceeding \$16,000.

"That's the highest offering in recent memory. We are so appreciative of the young people who gave sacrificially to

help offset the expenses of Youth Night," he said.

The 2001 Youth Night was also the first time in recent memory that the event was held "in the round" — that is, the stage was set in the middle of the cavernous coliseum floor and chairs were placed around it in a 360-degree circle.

"We could not have put everybody in there without the extra seating provided by having the stage in the middle," Lum said.

Lum expressed appreciation for the Mississippi Baptist volunteers who served as counselors during the invitation time.

Among those assisting were staffers from two Mississippi Baptist campgrounds: Camp Garaywa in Clinton and Central Hills Retreat near Kosciusko.

Mississippi Baptist Youth Night 2002 will begin at 7 p.m. on July 19 at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson.

"The planning committee will meet shortly to begin planning the 2002 Youth Night, and we would appreciate input from Mississippi Baptists," Lum said.

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Members of the 2001 Youth Night planning committee included Mike Brister, minister of students at First Church, Brookhaven; Randy Cuchens, minister of music and youth at First Church, Newton; Gary Watts, member of Wynndale Church, Terry; Rob Futral, pastor of Country Woods Church, Jackson; and Gary Phillips, associate pastor of First Church, Quitman.

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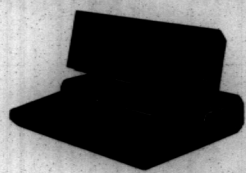
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It often seems that the U.S. Congress is nothing more than a scandal piled on top of an embarrassment piled on top of an outrage piled on top of a disgrace. One errant congressman or senator after another seems to line up for their moment of infamy in front of the American public.

They are of course joined by a fair share of presidents, governors, state legislators, and other office holders who conduct themselves in equally foolish ways, but it's the Congress that gets the lion's share of news media attention when the wheels fall off their diabolical enterprises.

California Congressman Gary Condit, featured in this space last week, is the current poster boy for bad congressional behavior. Thousands of miles from home and invisible at least in his own mind, the married representative allegedly carried on numerous sexual relationships at the same time — at least one of which was with a woman less than half his age.

That woman, Chandra Levy, has been missing for several months now. Whether or not the congressman had anything to do with her disappearance, the well-known but oft-ignored Law of Unintended Consequences will ultimately contribute to his downfall.

Condit and his ilk deserve the fate that befalls them. However, all is not lost; not everyone in public office comports themselves as does Condit.

A political wag once wrote, "Despite all the modern safeguards, it is still remotely possible for a good person to enter public service."

One such good person may indeed be U.S. Senator Bill Frist of Tennessee, whose *curriculum vitae* reads like a Hollywood movie script.

An honors graduate of Harvard Medical School, Frist spent years in surgical training before building a Nashville practice in which he was internationally renowned for his skill in performing heart-lung transplants.

All is not lost

Frist, a Presbyterian, is board certified in both general and heart surgery, and as a faculty member at Vanderbilt Medical School helped found the Vanderbilt Transplant Center.

He has also authored well-received books dealing with medicine and history.

At a stage in life when many specialists in his high-stress field succumb to burn out and opt for retirement, Frist was making plans to run for the U.S. Senate.

He won, and after a stellar first term was reelected by the largest margin ever received by a candidate for office in Tennessee.

While most of his peers spent this past July Fourth congressional recess making the rounds of their home districts, kissing babies, and gathering support for their next campaign, Frist chose a different path.

He spent his entire break from the U.S. Senate operating on the desperately ill in southern Sudan on behalf of Samaritan's Purse, a Christian ministry of Franklin Graham (Billy Graham's son).

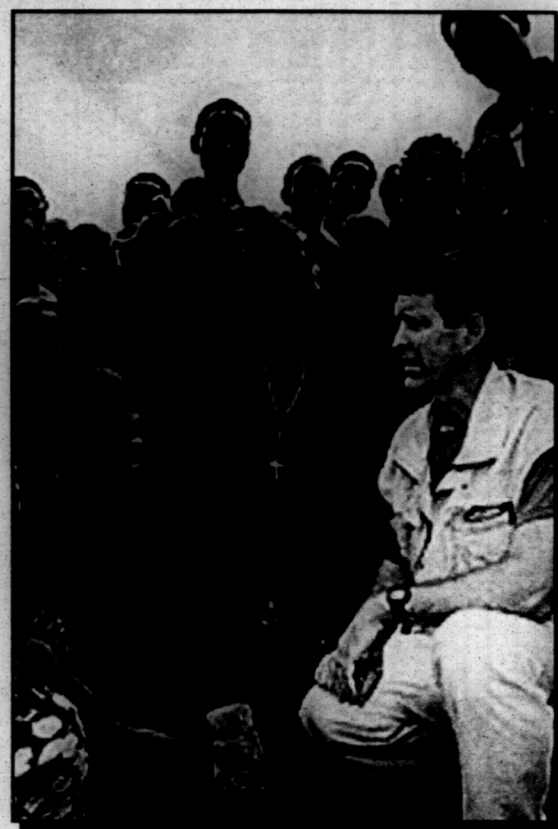
In that hellish part of Africa known more for civil war and slavery — where Christians are routinely slaughtered for their faith — Frist was risking his life to save lives in a makeshift hospital that has been repeatedly bombed by government forces.

In one small, inaccessible area of the country, Frist had to quickly disembark from the small airplane that had conveyed him and his medical gear, because the plane would have been bombed in a matter of minutes after landing.

In another area of the country, Frist's airplane had to turn back because the runway had been already cratered by bombs before they arrived.

Surrounded by danger and oblivious to his own safety, Frist removed hernias, excised goiters, repaired war-ravaged limbs, and drained putrid abscesses — all under the worst medical and political circumstances.

When the work of his third medical mission trip to Sudan was completed, Frist returned to America and to the Senate to resume his duties as the Gentleman from Tennessee.



Frist in Sudan, July 2001

He plans to make many more such trips on behalf of the helpless and persecuted people of southern Sudan.

All is not lost in the world of politics, as Christian role models like Bill Frist are proving every day that they serve in public office.

Frist isn't perfect — he is currently attempting to broker a compromise on stem cell research that will put him on the wrong side of that issue — but at least he is making a difference as an inspiring breath of fresh air in a notoriously sin-filled and self-centered town.

We could use quite a few more like him.

Sources: Politics and People column by Albert R. Hunt; Wall Street Journal, July 26, 2001, pg. A15. Frist web site at www.senate.gov/~frist

GUEST OPINION:



Normalizing pornography

By James A. Smith Sr., editor
Florida Baptist Witness



JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP) — Parents, do you know what clothing catalogs your teens are reading? If one of those catalogs is Abercrombie & Fitch, you will be in for a shocking revelation when you find it.

"Pictures hotter than a backyard barbecue!" That's how trendy clothier Abercrombie & Fitch (A&F) describes its summer 2001 catalog with the theme, "The Pleasure Principle."

The company maintains that college students are their target market, and that the catalog is a work of art.

Spokesman Hampton Carney says, "We liken it to Norman Rockwell. It's so beautifully and tastefully done. It's fun, beautiful, healthy images and it's sexy."

"It's a chronicle of the college experience. It's very wholesome. It's very clean. It's treated just like a magazine."

A&F has a history of publishing racy catalogs targeted to young people. Starting in 1997, the Ohio-based company shifted from a typical, free clothing catalog to a publication filled with erotic pictures and other features.

When Illinois Lt. Gov. Corinne Wood found her 14-year-old daughter's 1999 Christmas issue (theme: "Naughty and Nice") she was so outraged she called for a consumer boycott of A&F and created a website to that end (www.stopAandF.com).

For those who may doubt the truly pornographic nature of this catalog, Wood includes on the website a sampling of the photos, along with strategically

placed "www.stopAandF.com" signs to cover the nudity.

As a result of Wood's efforts, the company now shrink-wraps the catalog and customers who desire to purchase it in stores are "carded" to check their age — at least that's the company's official policy.

One pro-family group, however, checked this practice and found that a teen-looking staffer was able to purchase the catalog without being carded.

In Wood's view, the company has merely used a "series of gimmicks" to give the appearance of response to customer concern while continuing their "sleazy marketing practices."

The Lt. Gov. renewed her call for an A&F boycott last month. What can you do?

- **Take your clothing dollars elsewhere.** Then write A&F's president and tell him you've done so: Michael Jeffries, President, Abercrombie & Fitch Stores, Inc., 4 Limited Parkway, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-5302. Telephone: (614) 577-6500. Fax: (614) 577-6565.

- **Sign on to Wood's boycott petition** at her website.
- **Tell others** about the A&F boycott and encourage them to participate.

The A&F catalog is yet another illustration of the fact that we live in a sexually saturated culture that is constantly at work to undermine biblical morality. Christians should not participate in advancing A&F's blatant campaign to normalize pornography, by purchasing the company's products.

M-Fuge teens ministering through service

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The words of "Amazing Grace" drifted through the humid air as Ruth Helton sat in the shade and watched 10 teens scamper around on her roof.

"I told that boy right there he should be a professional roofer," said Helton with a laugh as she gestured to a young man hanging precariously over the edge of her small house in Nashville.

"They've done such a wonderful job. I can't even put into words what this has meant to me. They don't complain about the heat or the hard work, and they even invited me to have lunch with them today!" she said.

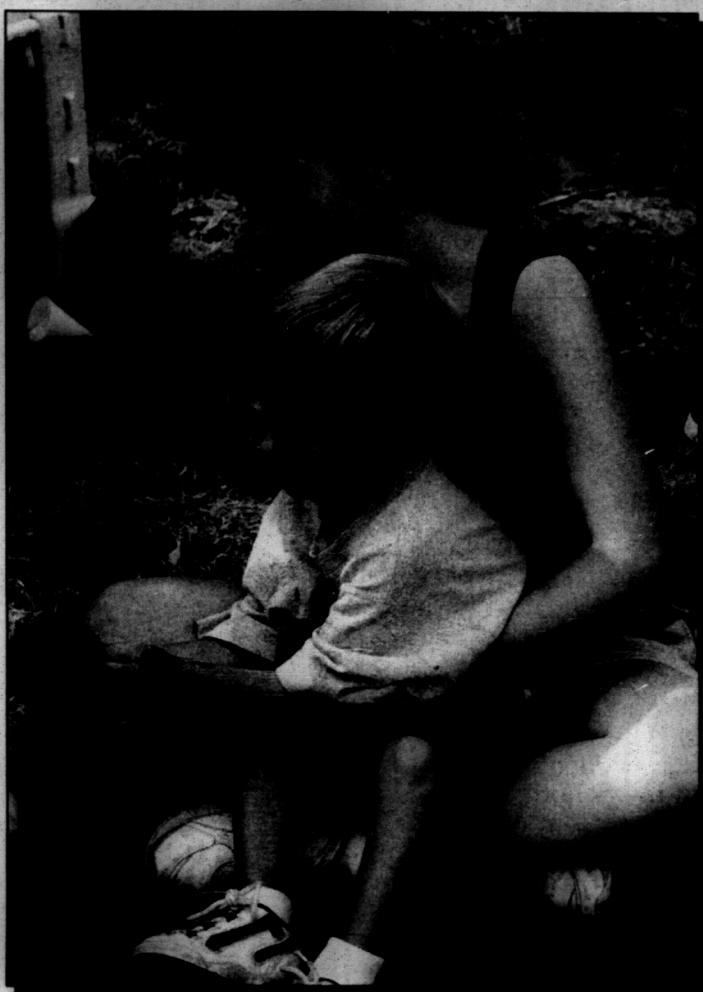
The teens were a part of M-Fuge, a ministry-oriented camp sponsored by LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Helton's home was just one of 22 sites at which M-Fuge teams were stationed during the week of June 9-13.

Besides construction work, the youth also chose from tracks

in creative ministries, social work, and children's ministries like backyard Bible Clubs, recreation camps, or Vacation Bible Schools.

Begun in 1995, M-Fuge camps were held this summer in Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, South Carolina, California, Texas, Pennsylvania, and Missouri.



SHARING THE BLESSING — Miranda McGuiness, of Riverland Hills Church, Columbia, S.C., entertains one of the children from Archwood Apartments in Madison, Tenn. Miranda attended an M-Fuge Camp at Belmont University, June 9-13. "The main reason I came to M-Fuge was to share Christ with as many people as possible," said the 16-year-old. "I love working with the children, and I just want to share my blessings with them." (Photo by Brandy Campbell)

"This is such a great way to serve God," said Crystal Cotton of First Church, Van, Texas.

"Instead of just talking about missions, we're actually doing it. This is my first year doing the construction track, and I'm just amazed at how much actions speak louder than words.

"Who knew you could minister so much by painting someone's house or fixing their roof?" she asked.

"We're showing these kids that they have a gift," said Vickie Pearsen, M-Fuge site coordinator at the University of Mobile in Alabama.

"It might not be something they would view as a gift, but their gift may be painting the fingernails of an elderly lady at a nursing home, or cleaning someone's yard, or using sidewalk chalk while playing with children.

"Through M-fuge, campers and counselors realize they have this gift and that this gift is a calling they should take home and use," Pearsen said.

M-Fuge campers in Nashville stayed at Belmont University, where they began each day with quiet time in their church groups and a morning send-off worship celebration.

From there they piled into vans and literally raced out of the Belmont campus to their respective mission fields.

M-Fuge teamed up with various Nashville organizations for the summer, including the Salvation Army, Feed the Children, the Nashville Union Mission, and nursing homes and apartment complexes.

"I've certainly learned how to stay energetic this week!" said Deidre Gastenveld as she ducked her head to narrowly miss a dodge ball as it flew by.

Gastenveld, of First Church, Lone Oak, Ky., was helping with a backyard Bible club at Archwood Apartments in Madison, Tenn.

"You get really hot and tired

out here," Gastenveld acknowledged, "but then you see that kid's smile, and it keeps you going just a little bit longer."

This resilient attitude was reflected on each site, whether youth were playing games or serving meals to the homeless.

"All of us are giving blessings," said Ben Fitzgerald, a youth from First Church, Fairview Heights, Ill.

During the week, Fitzgerald worked at a Nashville homeless shelter for men, preparing and serving meals to the hundreds who came in from the streets each afternoon.

"My blessing may be to wash dishes," Fitzgerald continued as he plunged his hands into the soapy water.

"It may not seem like a blessing to me, but I am showing

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China action urged

OXFORD, England (BP) — Disappointed with Beijing's selection July 13 to host the 2008 Olympic Games, international human rights groups are calling on the International Olympics Committee (IOC) and others to press China to improve its human rights record before and during the Games. "The International Olympic Committee should request iron-clad assurances that people will not be rounded up and detained each time one of its officials visits Beijing," London-based Amnesty International said in a prepared statement. "It should also monitor how China respects the ethical principles enshrined in the Olympic Charter at all stages of preparation for the Games," the statement added. Religious and ethnic minorities such as Tibetans, Uighurs, Falun Gong practitioners, and Christians continue to face repression, including arbitrary detention, torture, and lengthy prison sentences. Political dissidents, labor activists, and farmers who protest against corruption or injustices also face repression. Others who have opposed Beijing's Olympic bid have been detained or harassed as well, the human rights organization said. The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, in a prepared statement, urged President Bush to "join with the leaders of all other Olympic countries to press China to live up to the obligations it has undertaken to ensure, beginning now, that the Games take place in an atmosphere in which the religious freedom and human rights of participants, spectators, and Chinese citizens are honored and protected." On May 1, the commission urged the Bush administration to use its influence to prevent China from being selected as a site for the Olympic Games until sustained religious freedom and human rights improvements have been demonstrated.

Looking back

10 years ago

The U.S. House of Representatives approves legislation directing the federal government to fund the use of tissue from aborted babies in experimental transplantation. On July 25, the House voted 274-144 for the bill lifting a ban on federal funding of fetal tissue research.

20 years ago

First Church, Yazoo City, announces plans for several special events in the life of the church to be held on August 16. The church will celebrate homecoming, as well as the 20th anniversary of pastor James F. Yates, who began his ministry August 20, 1961.

50 years ago

Trustees of Southern Seminary, meeting on campus in Louisville, Ky., elect Duke McCall to be the seminary's new president. A native of Mississippi, McCall, 36, is the youngest president in the history of Southern Baptists' oldest seminary.

Growing Churches attendees leave satisfied

By Tony Martin
Associate Editor

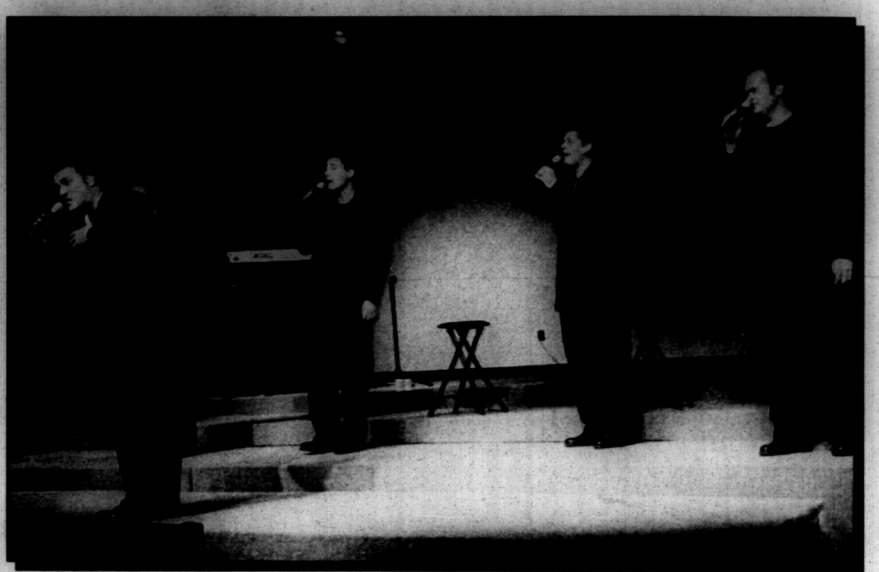
Growing Churches through Discipleship, the Discipleship and Family Ministry (DFM) Department's program at Gulfshore Assembly July 26-28, was similar to a cafeteria.

There was plenty from which to select, and everyone left satisfied. Even the monsoon-like rains that drenched Gulfshore the first day of the conference did not dampen spirits.

"The conference is designed to include training for most church program min-

istries," said Marcus Peagler, director of the DFM department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. "Our department leads in the program, and we try to include any other department that wants to offer training on the program."

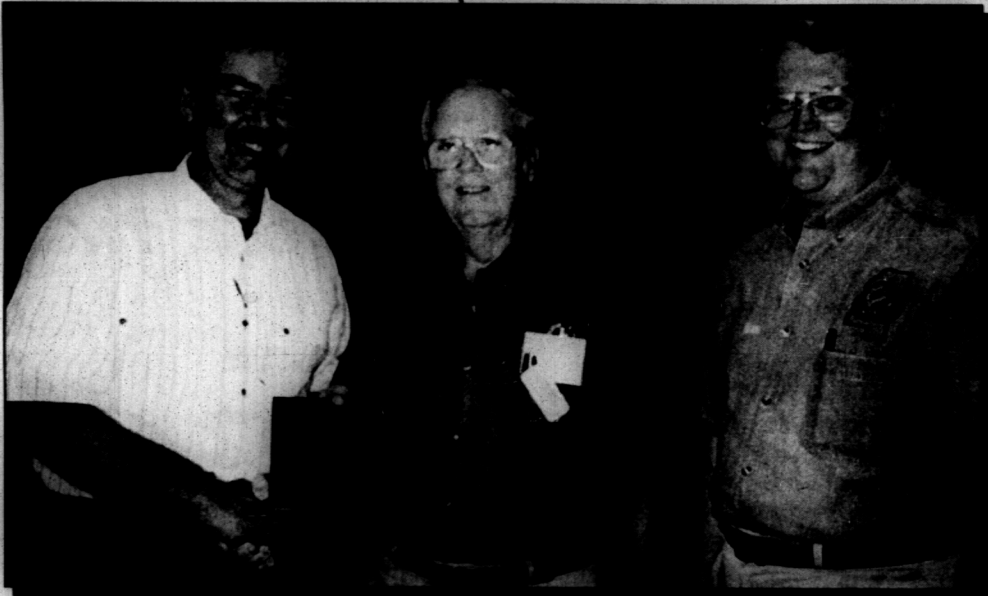
Consequently, over the course of the three-day conference, training was offered in several different ministries, including evangelism, church administration, pastoral ministries, media, Woman's Missionary Union, stewardship, deacons, singles, senior adults, Sunday School, partnership missions, and recreation. Additional conferences included age-group training, activities just for preschool, children, and youth, and worship services. Bible Drill and Speaker Tournament winners led worship Thursday night. This Hope, a musical group from Georgia, led in worship Friday night.



WORSHIP IN SONG — This Hope, a singing group from Georgia, leads in Friday evening worship during the Growing Churches Through Discipleship conference at Gulfshore Assembly July 26-28. (BR special photo)

A highlight of the conference was the presentation of the Friend of Discipleship Training award, given annually. "This award is given to those individuals who are actively involved in discipleship training in their churches, their associations, and on the state level, and who have shown outstanding leadership."

Clay Blair of Liberty Church, Carroll Association, was this year's recipient.

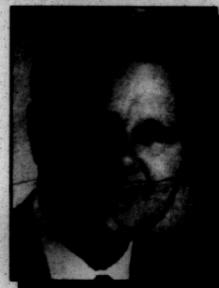


FRIEND OF DISCIPLESHIP — Clay Blair (center) of Liberty Church, Carroll Association, receives the Friend of Discipleship award from Marcus Peagler (left), director of the Discipleship and Family Ministry (DFM) Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Glenn Shows, DFM consultant. (BR special photo)

BACK TO SCHOOL

Every year it seems that summer gets shorter and for some teachers and students, school has already arrived. In just a matter of days all the schools across Mississippi, including colleges and universities, will be filled with smiling faces and eager students (we hope!).

In the life cycle of parenting, there are some emotional, awkward, trying times that come related to the beginning of school.



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Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

One of those tough times comes as first graders head off to the big adventure of education. For moms and dads alike, it is a moving and sometimes soul-searching moment when their baby girl or boy heads off to school.

Even though you know that your child is going to come home that afternoon, you also know that from then on they will be going away, in some ways further and further, as they become learning, self-assured, independent little creatures.

While there are other exciting and challenging moments that will come along, probably the second most traumatic school experience takes place when your son or daughter goes off to college. The reality begins to set in that your child will be leaving home and things will never again be like they once were — they may be better, or they may be worse — but they will never be the same!

I am certainly no expert when it comes to knowing how to let your children go and watch them grow, but I would like to share some tips that I have found helpful for me and for young people going through this experience:

• **Release your children prayerfully.** Whether you are

letting your child off at kindergarten or packing them up for a thousand-mile trip to a university, let them go undergirded by a cushion of prayer.

Regardless of whether you are separated from your child by five miles or 500 miles, you cannot be there every moment. Yet, wherever that child is and whatever that child is facing, the Lord can be there to care, protect, sustain, and guide. While they will be in a learning mode, you certainly can be learning to trust the Lord more fully each day.

• **Influence them thoughtfully.** When your children leave home for college your influence does not stop, but it does change. Although they may not be totally independent, they have taken a giant step toward doing what they want to, when they want to, and with whom they want to.

They are probably not as mature as you would like for them to be, and certainly not as mature as you are, but they are young adults and the relationship of influence in their life from a parental standpoint begins to take on a new dimension.

Some people say, "Well, I'm paying the bills and providing all the support, so they better do what I'm telling them to do!" They may actually be doing

what they are told, or they may just be telling you what you want to hear.

Encourage them in pursuing the right things and the right relationships. On 34 campuses across Mississippi, there is Baptist Student Union (BSU) work and ministry — the gathering of many young people who are committed to the Lord and serve as a help to one another.

All around the campuses across our state there are fine Baptist churches with ministries that welcome students and are available to them in their new setting. Your caring influence can make a difference. You can't make them go to church, join a Bible study, attend BSU, or develop Christian friendships, but the fact that you care does make a difference in their decisions.

• **Live the years joyfully.** The few years of college are brief but can be ever so good. Find moments to enjoy the activities and achievements with your son or daughter.

Some people miss all the blessings of this transitional period in life. More than likely, they also miss the blessings of many other events as well. Have you ever known folks who dreaded everything — dreaded seeing their little one go off to school, dreaded the teen years, dreaded the high school years, and then dreaded the college years? You know, one day they will look back in life and realize that it was just one long "dreaded" experience!

I do not believe that God intended for us to live in dreadfulness. Look to the Lord. Laugh, love, and enjoy the journey!

I hope you all have a great school year.

Hearts for Boston



Curds Freeman, an evangelist for the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board (NAMB) in Atlanta, shared the Gospel with neighborhood children at a public park July 13 in Winthrop, Mass. — one of many events being held this summer as part of the Hearts for Boston outreach effort. Overall, 2,500-3,000 volunteers from across the country have participated in ministry efforts this year as part of NAMB's Strategic Focus Cities effort to share Christ with the people of Boston. Mississippi Baptists are involved in the multi-year Strategic Focus Cities project through the Partnership Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. (Photo by Gibbs Frazier)

Acteens, Challengers 'light world' for Christ

CHARLESTON, S.C. (BP) — Some led sports camps or Vacation Bible Schools in multi-housing communities. Some worked with migrants, an international congregation, or the seafarer's center.

Others painted houses or cleaned up yards, and still others went on prayerwalks through neighborhoods, visited nursing homes, or helped out at a medical clinic.

Their ministry tasks varied, but all of the 275 teenagers from nine states were "lighting their world" with the love of Christ.

They were part of the first-ever, national, joint Acteens and Challengers missions project. Coordinated by Charleston Outreach, a ministry arm of Charleston Baptist Association, the co-ed missions venture was held in Charleston June 25-29.

National Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) and North American Mission Board (NAMB) leaders worked with the Charleston Outreach staff to pair up ministry assignments with the gifts and interests of each of the 24 church groups involved.

"We want to give students opportunities to experience and participate in missions to learn about themselves and how God can use them in a variety of ministries," said Tim Rice, a NAMB missionary who directs the association's seafarer's ministry.

Since April, Rice has been serving as temporary director of Charleston Outreach, which coordinates the ongoing missions efforts of Southern Baptist volunteers in the Charleston area.

Sharon Earls, youth leader at Nazareth Church, Blacksburg, S.C., brought four boys and 12 girls to Charleston after reading about the event in "Accent," a WMU magazine for Acteens, and attending a preview retreat.

"I wanted our youth to experience what a real mission trip is all about. It's not a week of vacation, but a ministry experience from which they will grow in the Lord by serving others," she said.

Adam Fisher, a seventh-grader from Blacksburg, painted houses and helped load a trailer with recreational equipment, snacks, and craft materials for a children's camp, but what he and eighth grader Hannah Earls enjoyed most was "spending time with the little kids" who attended a Vacation Bible School that the group conducted in a subdivision.

"Instead of a teacher always teaching me, I finally got to teach others about the Bible and Jesus' love for us," Fisher said.

For junior Ashley Turlington and a group of 11 from First Church at the Mall in Lakeland, Fla., the Acteens/Challengers event provided a firsthand



JOINT OUTREACH — The first-ever Acteens/Challenger joint missions event drew 275 youth and adults from 24 churches in nine states June 25-29 in Charleston, S.C. The groups met together briefly on the opening day of the event and then formed a prayer circle in front of their hotel before going to their assigned project. (BP photo)

opportunity to see God at work.

The group brought lots of toothpaste to give out in toiletry kits, but they still needed toothbrushes.

When they arrived in Charleston, they found a dentist's office near the housing development where they would serve and asked for extra toothbrushes to distribute.

"The dentist gave us 215 toothbrushes," Turlington rejoiced.

The dentist was a Christian who had gone on a mission trip to Venezuela recently, but the toothbrushes had arrived too late for him to take with him.

"It's amazing how God answers prayers!" she exclaimed.

Tenth-grader Amanda Todd, who came with a group of seven from Hollow Creek Church in Aiken, S.C., did light construction and yard work at the home of an elderly woman, who "blessed us because she was so sweet and appreciative of the help."

The Hollow Creek youth also assisted at a medical clinic, washing out "what seemed like 1,000 medicine bottles" and checking in patients, Todd added.

"I liked doing the work, knowing you were helping someone in need. They weren't able to do it themselves, but we could — and we know they are happy now," said eighth-grader Angela Williams of Nelson, Va.

She and 20 others from Nelson Church helped paint the exterior of a house for a family.

The group had made little contact with the family that week until eighth-grader Philip Hudson invited the boys outside for a game of basketball.

Leader Dennis Hudson said that the small gesture "seemed to open the door for other ministry opportunities."

The painting and yard work were rewarding, agreed Misti Waldrep, also of Nelson, but the fellowship with all the other youth at the end of each day also was exciting.

The worship time featured music by a student evangelism group, black-light puppetry, skits, videos, testimonies from youth, and a Bible study led by Debra Berry of the national WMU.

While it was the first national project for Acteens and Challengers together, Acteens Activators participated in a similar project in Charleston last year.

The success of their experience and the professionalism of the Charleston Outreach staff helped pave the way for broadening the missions event to include younger Acteens and Challengers, according to WMU national Acteens consultant Pam Smith of Birmingham, Ala.

"I believe we have a strong Acteens group in our churches, when there is also a strong Challengers group," Smith said.

Va. 'minute' law upheld on appeal

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—A federal appeals court affirmed the constitutionality of Virginia's daily schoolroom minute-of-silence law in a 2-1 vote July 25 in Richmond.

The law's preamble declares its purpose is to guarantee students "the free exercise of religion." The statute, passed by the assembly last year, made mandatory an older law that authorized public schools to hold minutes of silence.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) represented students who did not want to participate in the new law.

"This is a victory for common sense," Attorney General Randolph A. Beales told the Richmond Times-Dispatch. "If the ACLU appeals this decision to the U.S. Supreme Court, we will be there to defend the law, yet again."

Divine appointment shows God as Great Engineer

BEIJING — A young Chinese couple, a missionary translator, and a Chinese businessman found a provision for a complete mission to China in the Christ in an unreached area.

Despite the many preparations that had preceded their visit, the couple found upon arrival at their destination that they had the wrong address.

For their plan to meet at the home of the city's mayor, they set out on their own. They arrived late, but at the gate of a well-known hotel, a president who was attending a banquet. Upon entering, the foreign businessman told them that they had found the right place.

The invitation included many other details, including meeting with the son and wife of the president. The couple's timing of their visit was a coincidence. The department of the city was being a college. The couple's trip was planned as a last-minute mission.

The translator and the department chairman, who had not seen each other for fifteen years, greeted each other as old friends. The couple sensed that appointment to be a special photo.

This too was a special evidence of God's design on the trip. They marveled at God's purposes concerning the world. On one of the last days of the journey the couple, their translator, and some local teachers were hiking toward a tourist attraction when they were approached by a stranger.

The lady boldly told them that she had received a message from God on the previous night — that a messenger would visit on that day bringing her a message from God.

She said that she was a Christian and that she was a missionary. She said that she was a missionary and that she was a missionary. She said that she was a missionary and that she was a missionary.

Every member of the group felt a sense of unity, and several of them were coming out of the couple to discuss their mission about faith in Christ.

As the couple departed from the city, it was with the intent of returning for an extended time of ministry.

So certain were they that God had opened doors of opportunity that they have committed to partner with the Father to bring that city of more than one million people into himself.

JUST FOR THE RECORD



Youth from Learned Church, Metro Association, recently spent a week in ministry at Gulf Shores, Ala. The week was spent leading worship services, working in Vacation Bible School, beach reach (handing out bubbles, candy, frisbees), and face painting. Standing (from left) are Justin "Big Daddy" Byrd, Ryan Dunnam, Jill Irby, and Elizabeth Hynum; seated, Anna Byrd, Joshua Dunnam, Hillary Hynum, and Emily Breckenridge.

VBS date

Flowood, Brandon: Aug. 18; 9 a.m.-noon.

Cedar View Church, Olive Branch, will present the following concerts: The Elite, Aug. 18 at 6 p.m.; The Revelations Quartet, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m.; and New Beginnings, Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. For additional information, call (662) 895-6967.

Bellevue Church, Hattiesburg, recently celebrated a note burning. The building loan for the 8,400 square foot educational facility has been paid off early. Pictured (from left) are Mike Shumock, minister; Sue Allmon, trustee; Cecil Patterson, trustee; J.D. Alexander, building supervisor; John Walton, trustee; and Larry Davis, chairman of the deacons.



Note burning service at Bellevue Church, Hattiesburg

First Church, Leland, is making available a series of sermons delivered by Jon Doler on the subject of grief. The sermons were preached by Doler following the 11 year illness and death of his wife, Scotti. These eight sermons on tape are available from the church for \$20. You may order from First Baptist Church, Leland, P.O. Box 286, Leland, MS 38756 or by calling (662) 686-7357 or by email fbcl@bellsouth.net.

Squire Parsons will be in concert at Washington Church, Washington, Aug. 12 at 11 a.m. Howard M. Peak is pastor.

D'Lo Church, Simpson Association, will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Aug. 19. Homecoming services will begin at 10:30 a.m. A meal will be served at noon in the fellowship hall. The guest speaker will be Jim Futral, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Others on program are Robert Sones, pastor, and Jeff Sanders, minister of music.

Cason Church, Nettleton, will sponsor a ladies conference on Aug. 18 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The speaker will be Jammy Williams. For additional information, call Connie Clayton, (662) 256-4843; Tammy Hood, 256-5597; Michelle Sloan, 256-1186; or Gail Lindsey, 257-1175.

Paul Truitt Memorial Church, Pearl, will have the following guest speakers in the 10:30 a.m. services during the month of August. The speakers are Don Lum, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Aug. 12; Billy Stewart Jr., First Church, Brookhaven, Aug. 19; and Keith Grubbs, Midway Church, Meridian, Aug. 26.

First Church, Byhalia, will celebrate its 135th anniversary on Aug. 26. Activities will include Bible study at 9:45 a.m., worship at 11 a.m., fellowship meal at noon, and music program at 1 p.m.

An Evening with Poet Voices will be presented at Harmony Church, Crystal Springs, at 7 p.m. on Aug. 10. For more information or directions to the church call (601) 847-4375 or (601) 892-1121.



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Friday: 6:00 p.m. - Registration

6:30 p.m. - Supper

7:30 p.m. - Opening Session

Speaker: Dr. Jim Futral,

Executive Director-Treasurer, MBCB

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - Sessions begin

Speaker: Larry Cox, Vice President

Public Relations & Development, IMB

Men's Ministry State Leadership Training Registration Form

Deadline to register is August 13. Cost is \$20 per person and includes meals and lodging. Each participant needs to bring linen, sleeping bag, and pillow.

Name: _____ Church/Assoc.: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Mail to: Men's Ministry Department, MBCB, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205

What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the

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Matthew 10:27 NAS

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LIFT UP...YOUR PRAYERS. GOD ANSWERS KNEE-MAIL!

"Do not worry about anything; instead pray about everything: tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers.

Philippians 4:6 (Living Bible)

For: (1) Language Missions Day (WMU); (2) The Holy Spirit to encourage missionaries along the coast of Eastern Africa where only a few of the resistant people have come to know Christ. Pray for wisdom and insight as they disciple new believers and as they watch them endure persecution.

The South India state of Kerala, where 28.5% of all Christians of India live, is educationally advanced with the highest rate of literacy in India. However, among the Nayar people group in Kerala only one tenth of one percent are Christian. Ask God to raise up long-term missionaries to take the gospel to the Nayar.

For: (1) G.R.O.W. Conference, FBC, Brookhaven (SS); (2) How to Become a "Connected" Mississippi Baptist Church, Baptist Building; (3) Dick Denson, hospital chaplain in Albany, Ga. and wife Loretta who recently lost their 32-year-old son, Todd, in a military accident.

Pray for the evangelization of the people of Bucharest, the capital of Romania. The major religion is Romanian Orthodox. Most Romanians blend religion with superstition and fatalism. They believe the Bible is God's Word but that tradition is more important. Bibles are available but can only be interpreted by the priest.

Give thanks that the Ghana Baptist Convention has sent a home missionary to the Nzema people. He invited a volunteer team to go to the Western Region of Ghana July 12-26. They prayer walked and showed the "Jesus" film.

Christian doctors and dentists have clinics in several Bedouin areas of Northern Africa. Pray for the doctors' openness to God's leadership, strength, and courage so that these clinics will also be centers for spiritual healing. Pray for the opportunity to use health care to share Christ in many Bedouin villages.

Farmers in many areas of Uruguay were devastated when an aftosa outbreak forced the slaughter of their livestock. Missionary Chris Ingram has been involved in evangelism to the agricultural community. Pray as he ministers spiritually to people affected by the emotional and financial stress.

God has given missionaries John and Linda Witte the opportunity to share the Word with a Dinka Agar couple living in Southern Sudan. This couple has been married for five years without children. Ask God to bless this couple with a baby boy. The man has told John that many will believe in Jesus instantly if this happens.

For: (1) AMD Update & New Staff Day, Baptist Building (Ch.Min); (2) Deng Ya Ping, an Olympic gold medalist in ping-pong, is one of China's most famous female athletes. Pray that she would come to Christ and shine for Him in the marketplace.

Gaston Jones is an Air Force chaplain. Pray for him, his wife, Donna, and their family living at an Air Force base in the Azores Islands. Pray for those who hear the gospel presentation there on the base. PRAISE: The children's program is going very well.

For: (1) Pastors & Wives' Conference, Gulfshore Assembly (CAPM); (2) New missionaries Jack and Julia Wiley in Palmas, the capital of Brazil's newest state, request prayer for God to begin to stir the churches and missions in Palmas to reach out to their neighborhoods and beyond and not focus just on themselves.

For: (1) Leadership Training for Churches, Central Hills Retreat (MM); (2) State Preschool/Children/Youth Choir Leadership Clinic, Alta Woods BC, Jackson (CM); (3) Pray for the new Indonesian president, Megawati Sukarnoputri, the daughter of Indonesia's founding president, Sukarno.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will give each member of the Koyaka Team of COTE D'IVOIRE that special "know how," desire and effort to learn the language without feeling overwhelmed and embarrassed when mistakes are made.

After attending the Leadership Equipping and Development Team seminar in Central and Southern Asia eight men went out two by two and put into practice what they learned. Pray that all who participate in these training seminars will have that same commitment to reach out to the lost around them.

JANUARY BIBLE STUDY PREVIEW CLINIC

**First Baptist Church, Jackson
Tuesday, September 25, 2001**

The clinic begins at 9 a.m. with refreshments and will conclude at 3 p.m.
A complimentary lunch will be served. No registration is necessary.

There will be two separate study groups – one for pastors and others who will lead adults in January Bible Study groups and one for youth leaders who will lead youth in JBS groups.

Leader for the adults will be Wayne VanHorn, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbia.

Theme for the adult study is the book *What's Life All About?*

Foundations for the Biblical Worldview: Genesis 1-12 – Allan Moseley, author.

Leader for the youth will be Daniel Caldwell, dean of the Cooper School of Biblical Studies, William Carey College. Theme for the youth study is the book *Blueprints: Studies from Genesis* – Kim Henderson, author.

For more information, contact the MBCB Sunday School Department at 1-800-748-1651 or in Jackson, 1-601-968-3800.

BAPTIST HYMNALS NEEDED FOR AFRICAN SEMINARY

The only seminary in Africa offering a graduate degree in church music is in Ogbomosho, Nigeria. Currently, most African church choirs sing only the melody of hymns from memory, for they have only the words without music.

Jimmy McCaleb, Church Music Department consultant, after teaching a course at this seminary, has a burden to provide our fellow Baptist musicians in Africa with 5000 copies of the 1991 Baptist Hymnal. Their choirs could then proclaim the theology of our Baptist faith in beautiful four-part harmony! As of August, 2001, 3000 hymnals have been given and sent.

You can help with a financial gift. One hymnal is \$5. A box of 20 is \$100. If you or your church group would like to participate in this ministry, please call Jimmy McCaleb at 601-292-3273, 1-800-748-1651 or E-mail him at jmccaleb@mbcb.org.

Checks may be made out to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and mailed to:

Jimmy McCaleb
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P.O. Box 530
Jackson, MS 39205

The following is a listing of contributions made to the Lord's work which were processed through the Business Office of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board from January 1, 2001, through June 30, 2001. An "*" denotes a gift from the association. If you have any questions about the amounts reported for your church, please contact the Business Office at 968-3800 or 1-800-748-1651.

	COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
ADAMS			
CALVARY	1,060.50	2,369.50	3,430.00
CLIFF TEMPLE	11,123.55	7,004.20	18,127.75
CRANFIELD	755.02	1,474.40	2,229.42
FBC NATCHEZ	54,541.28	78,620.76	133,162.04
HIGHLAND	13,246.77	11,328.53	24,575.30
IMMANUEL	7,677.57	5,500.00	13,177.57
MOUNTAINVIEW	13,359.41	14,816.88	28,176.29
NEW HOPE	401.99	668.00	1,069.99
PARKWAY	45,411.32	31,067.26	76,478.58
SPRINGFIELD	1,913.60	2,157.40	4,071.00
STANTON	6,698.44	6,094.89	12,793.33
WASHINGTON	9,836.06	9,193.03	19,029.09
TOTAL	166,024.81	169,894.36	335,919.17
ALCORN			
*ASSOCIATION	.00	3,393.40	3,393.40
ANTIOCH	1,507.53	3,904.49	5,412.02
BETHLEHEM	1,056.01	5,026.32	6,082.33
BRUSHCREEK	290.70	754.94	1,045.64
CALVARY	2,884.32	5,288.48	8,172.80
COUNTY LINE	600.00	2,593.50	3,193.50
DANVILLE	.00	613.71	613.71
EAST CORINTH	4,548.00	2,501.48	7,049.48
FBC BIGGERSVILLE	530.64	970.72	1,501.36
FBC CORINTH	64,883.53	36,174.05	101,057.58
GLENDALE	5,180.18	6,755.99	11,936.17
HINKLE	2,617.04	3,698.00	6,315.04
HOLLY	1,659.23	5,930.47	7,589.70
KASCINTO	975.62	1,709.23	2,684.85
KEMPS CHAPEL	627.56	777.56	1,405.12
KENDRICK	855.09	855.20	1,710.29
KOSSUTH FIRST	3,665.20	2,847.54	6,512.74
LIBERTY HILL	1,380.45	.00	1,380.45
LONE OAK	1,647.00	880.00	2,527.00
LOVE JOY	541.08	808.60	1,349.68
NORTH CORINTH	.00	600.00	600.00
OAKLAND	32,993.77	23,355.91	56,349.68
RIDGECREST	2,613.56	3,736.56	6,350.12
RIENZI	5,879.84	9,638.79	15,518.63
SHILOH	4,939.31	6,869.05	11,808.36
SOUTH CORINTH	600.00	1,734.74	2,334.74
SATE	38,207.38	33,463.52	71,670.90
TUSCOMING CHAPEL	1,364.13	1,601.05	3,025.18
TISHCUMBA	930.60	1,495.90	2,426.50
UNION	2,614.91	2,339.88	4,954.79
UNION	406.50	1,111.12	1,517.62
WEST CORINTH	8,668.47	17,816.55	26,485.02
WHEELER GROVE	26,730.55	8,199.22	34,929.77
TOTAL	221,398.20	196,590.35	417,988.55
ATTALA			
*ASSOCIATION	.00	681.50	681.50
BEAR CREEK	1,191.84	1,015.93	2,207.77
BEEBA	159.52	1,117.53	1,277.05
CARSON RIDGE	198.00	402.00	600.00
COUNTY LINE	1,424.00	1,864.00	3,288.00
DOTY SPRINGS	533.00	2,433.00	2,966.00
EBENEZER	750.00	750.00	1,500.00
ETHEL	5,696.00	6,960.00	12,656.00
FBC KOSCIUSKO	81,488.05	63,274.74	144,762.79
HURRICANE	302.50	524.00	826.50
JERUSALEM	1,242.02	3,834.35	5,076.37
MCCADAMS	3,524.51	6,565.51	10,090.02
MCCOOL	5,471.55	4,758.94	10,230.49
NEW SALEM	735.00	1,720.00	2,455.00
PARKWAY	14,799.61	12,752.12	27,551.73
PEELER MEMORIAL	232.50	565.00	797.50
PILGRIMS REST	1,180.23	2,182.70	3,362.93
PLEASANT RIDGE	120.00	120.00	240.00
PROVIDENCE	22.60	34.00	56.60
SALLIS	3,000.00	7,102.57	10,102.57
SAND HILL	1,001.41	1,471.10	2,472.51
SECOND KOSCIUSKO	700.00	525.00	1,225.00
SPRINGDALE	2,614.87	2,084.24	4,699.11
WILLIAMSVILLE	1,264.00	1,264.00	2,528.00
YOCKAMOOKANY	11,918.01	8,917.80	20,835.81
ZAMA	572.23	1,713.23	2,285.46
TOTAL	141,116.41	136,353.83	277,470.24
BENTON-TIPPAH			
*ASSOCIATION	.00	2,796.00	2,796.00
ADAMS	2,197.69	2,796.00	4,993.69
ASHLAND	7,737.50	7,053.13	14,790.63
BLUFF SPRINGS	1,416.00	1,324.00	2,740.00
CALVARY	231.50	331.50	563.00
CANAAN	200.00	363.00	563.00
CHALYBEATE	344.00	3,734.00	4,078.00
COMMUNITY	1,425.00	1,500.00	2,925.00
CONCORD	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
DRY CREEK	408.38	976.76	1,385.14
DUMAS	16,316.70	13,338.19	29,654.89
FAITH	1,082.00	860.02	1,942.02
FALKNER	7,778.44	9,833.30	17,611.74
FBC HICKORY FLAT	4,355.02	3,413.05	7,768.07
FIRE RIFLE	52,625.03	27,249.88	79,874.91
FELLOWSHIP	5,860.13	8,660.97	14,521.10
FLAT ROCK	66.50	.00	66.50
HAMILTON	1,662.51	969.00	2,631.51
HARMONY	8,869.67	14,552.10	23,421.77
LEBANON	714.54	2,858.16	3,572.70
LOWREY MEMORIAL	2,566.00	4,091.64	6,657.64
MACEDONIA	298.00	1,201.00	1,499.00
MORRIS	1,122.00	2,945.00	4,067.00
MT OLIVE	2,599.03	1,191.73	3,790.76
NORTH RIPLEY	404.20	808.42	1,212.62
OAKLAND	2,877.65	3,260.39	6,138.04
PALMER	3,038.03	4,557.49	7,595.52
PEOPLES	522.32	1,336.23	1,858.55
PINE C'VE DUMAS	4,333.20	2,710.32	7,043.52
PINE C'VE H'RY FL	4,092.00	2,327.70	6,419.70
PLEAS. HILL T'VILLE	759.93	.00	759.93
PLEAS. HILL T'LAND	.00	1,725.00	1,725.00
PROVIDENCE	2,757.31	1,771.23	4,528.54
SHADY GROVE	1,948.77	1,419.65	3,368.42
SPRINGDALE	15,613.18	15,257.17	30,870.35
TIPPERVILLE	865.87	1,279.08	2,144.95
TURKERS CHAPEL	.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
UNITY	.00	300.00	300.00
WALNUT	2,476.84	3,547.41	6,024.25
WEST RIPLEY	19,832.18	15,047.46	34,879.64
WHITTENTOWN	787.08	1,487.08	2,274.16
TOTAL	181,762.20	170,210.72	351,972.92
CALHOUN			
ANTIOCH	1,247.00	1,500.00	2,747.00
BANNER	3,547.85	3,508.72	7,056.57
BETHANY	6,300.00	15,367.29	21,667.29
BIG CREEK	12,157.11	8,460.78	20,617.89
BRADFORD CHAPEL	2,686.43	5,849.64	8,536.07
CALVARY	1,670.02	.00	1,670.02
CLIFF HILL	414.80	.00	414.80
CONCORD	3,829.13	7,349.47	11,178.60
DERMA	13,719.50	8,934.87	22,654.37
DRIVERS FLAT	150.00	701.00	851.00
DUNCAN HILL	1,115.00	10.00	1,125.00
ELLARD	600.17	531.30	1,131.47
FBC BRUCE	27,248.00	17,051.99	44,299.99
FBC CALHOUN CITY	28,624.00	29,708.52	58,332.52
FBC PITTSBORO	4,239.10	4,406.94	8,646.04
FBC VARDAMAN	16,469.48	6,776.94	23,246.42
LANTIRP	400.00	400.00	800.00
MACEDONIA	1,572.92	1,811.27	3,384.19
MIDWAY	929.30	1,119.53	2,048.83
MT COMFORT	2,474.15	706.90	3,181.05
MT MORIAH	5,707.86	2,107.86	7,815.72
MT TABOR	300.00	300.00	600.00
NEW HOPE	825.77	755.62	1,581.39
NEW LIBERTY	1,285.24	2,285.24	3,570.48
NEW PROVIDENCE	1,239.35	4,322.34	5,561.69
OAK GROVE	200.00	1,624.40	1,824.40
OLDTOWN	5,392.96	3,208.24	8,601.20
PARKVIEW	1,231.77	821.18	2,052.95
PILGRIMS REST	222.74	680.32	903.06
PLEASANT GROVE	4,200.70	5,455.42	9,656.12
PLEASANT HILL	1,914.96	3,352.58	5,267.54
POPLAR SPRINGS	383.94	630.35	1,014.29

	COOP. PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
ROCKY BRANCH	588.73	1,499.48	2,088.21
ROCKY MOUNT	53.00	304.00	357.00
SABOUGLA	4,374.06	3,993.38	8,367.44
SAREPTA	486.71	1,057.85	1,544.56
SECOND CALHOUN	660.00	1,371.00	2,031.00
SHILOH	783.77	10,044.79	10,828.56
SPRING HILL	1,265.77	1,624.70	2,890.47
TURKEY CREEK	48.00	499.00	547.00
WESTSIDE	992.56	297.77	1,290.33
TOTAL	161,569.32	158,315.25	319,884.57
CARROLL			
*ASSOCIATION	.00	8,350.00	8,350.00
BLACK HAWK	809.84	1,109.84	1,919.68
CALVARY	952.42	2,850.15	3,802.57
CARROLLTON	24,352.19	12,701.39	37,053.58
CENTERVILLE	208.78	362.00	570.78
COILA	150.00	150.00	300.00
HARMONY	500.00	750.00	1,250.00
HICKORY GROVE	346.18	346.18	692.36
HILL VIEW	452.62	667.95	1,120.57
LIBERTY	4,424.48	4,882.13	9,306.61
MALMAISON	2,811.00	3,760.00	6,571.00
MCCARLEY	1,320.00	660.00	1,980.00
MT OLIVE	7,775.31	11,059.50	18,834.81
MT PISGAR	3,837.07	4,743.69	8,580.76
NEW BETHEL	1,174.73	2,650.67	3,825.40
N CARROLLTON	9,900.63	14,586.13	24,486.76
PROVIDENCE	3,096.91	3,056.41	6,153.32
SHILOH	522.00	301.00	823.00
VAIDEN	11,884.70	14,974.95	26,859.65
VALLEY HILL	1,275.50	3,181.50	4,457.00
TOTAL	75,848.36	91,043.49	166,891.85
CHICKASAW			
*ASSOCIATION	.00	600.00	600.00
AMITY	1,147.70	1,126.04	2,273.74
ARBOR GROVE	2,327.50	3,066.25	5,393.75
BETHEL	2,954.01	1,544.00	4,498.01
CARNATION	894.48	.00	894.48
FBC HOLULKA	9,143.26	5,006.00	14,149.26
FBC HOUQUIN	67,777.26	5,540.00	73,317.26
FBC OKOLONA	17,080.00	2,262.00	19,342.00
FBC WOODLAND	1,630.70	762.68	2,393.38
MT OLIVE	3,744.88	1,185.00	4,929.88
NEW PROSPECT	220.00	255.00	475.00
PARKWAY	8,705.10	7,486.56	16,191.66
PLEASANT GROVE	1,223.91	3,999.51	5,223.42
PLEASANT RIDGE	900.00	650.00	1,550.00
SHILOH	1,683.56	1,452.00	3,135.56
VAN VLEET	915.00	530.00	1,445.00
TOTAL	117,333.16	40,086.79	157,419.95
CHOCTAW			
ACKERMAN	15,487.50	13,387.64	28,875.14
BETHLEHEM	300.00	300.00	600.00
BLUFF SPRINGS	150.00	600.00	750.00
BLUTH CREEK	3,012.00	5,928.75	8,940.75
CHESTER	7,251.11	3,037.10	10,288.21
CONCORD	1,352.74	1,292.14	2,644.88
CROSS ROADS	458.73	366.71	825.44
FELLOWSHIP	2,695.33	3,388.31	6,083.64
FESTRESS	2,943.49	3,660.00	6,603.49
FRENCH CAMP	2,943.49	4,449.10	7,392.59
MT MORIAH	2,029.12	1,250.00	3,279.12
MT PISGAR	1,032.15	6,397.11	7,429.26
NEW HAVEN	895.01	3,008.65	3,903.66
NEW ZION	1,430.57	963.10	2,393.67
PROVIDENCE	500.00	1,362.00	1,862.00
PROVIDENCE	2,223.73	1,584.12	3,807.85
WEIR	5,338.93	6,487.38	11,826.31
TOTAL	48,160.41	54,262.11	102,422.52
CLARKE			
ANTIOCH	447.18	659.20	1,106.38
BUCATUNNA	1,170.67	1,116.00	2,286.67
CALVARY	1,628.50	2,941.95	4,570.45
CENTER RIDGE	150.00	553.00	703.00
DE SOTO	2,922.00	3,412.85	6,334.85
E PLEASANT GROVE	150.00	1,541.00	1,691.00
ELIM	1,397.00	628.06	2,025.06
ENTERPRISE	18,399.00	19,880.25	38,279.25
FBC OLTFMAN	34,149.07	26,339.63	60,488.70
FBC STONEWALL	6,402.32	7,328.24	13,730.56
HARMONY	3,150.43	1,927.31	5,077.74
HEBRON RIDGE	646.50	1,431.36	2,077.86
HEPHZIBAH	1,419.28	3,196.75	4,616.03
KNIGHTS VALLEY	441.00	811.15	1,252.15
MONT ROSE	1,383.00	1,382.15	2,765.15
MT ZION	1,116.09	2,438.56	3,554.65
NORTH RUP CHAPEL	355.98	45.00	400.98
OAK GROVE	1,310.09	2,989.59	4,299.68
PACHUTA	1,821.42	2,669.52	4,490.94
PHALTI	174.22	522.75	696.97
PINE GROVE	4,797.00	3,577.55	8,374.55
PINE HILL	1,500.00	2,535.71	4,035.71
PLEASANT GROVE	1,749.99	2,008.00	3,757.99
PLEASANT HILL	9,147.22	9,547.99	18,695.01
RIVERSIDE	55.70	25.00	80.70
ROLLING CREEK	2,392.09	1,020.00	3,412.09
SHUBUTA	5,727.27	3,071.92	8,799.19
SOULENLOVIE	2,193.87	3,498.90	5,692.77
UNION	9,064.76	8,880.13	17,944.89
TOTAL	114,661.65	114,271.52	228,933.17
COPIAH			
*ASSOCIATION	.00	3,573.00	3,573.00
ANTIOCH	1,847.92	.00	1,847.92
BETHEL	3,026.00	4,063.60	7,089.60
COUNTY LINE	600.00	900.00	1,500.00
DANSCUS	74.04	.00	74.04
FBC CRYSTAL SPGS	49,928.11	37,626.80	87,554.91
FBC HAZLEHURST	16,665.00	17,535.55	34,200.55
GALLMAN	2,502.00	3,375.08	5,877.08
GEORGETOWN	3,408.45	8,117.07	11,525.52
HARMONY	2,500.00	15,757.26	18,257.26
HIGHLAND	2,959.68	1,572.39	4,532.07
HOLLYWOOD	415.55	1,408.00	1,823.55
NEW PROVIDENCE	1,941.00	4,833.00	6,774.00
NEW ZION	7,000.52	11,242.21	18,242.73
PEARL VALLEY	2,237.62	3,052.38	5,290.00
PILGRIMS REST	7,970.00	6,970.00	14,940.00
PINE BLUFF	.00	600.00	600.00
POPLAR SPRINGS	880.00	1,440.00	2,320.00
ROCKY HILL	1,716.95	3,385.00	5,101.95
SARDIS	874.15	4,855.03	5,729.18
SHADY GROVE	420.22	4,835.97	5,256.19
SMYRNA	630.00	752.00	1,382.00
SPRING HILL	1,425.03	1,707.83	3,132.86
STRONG HOPE	8,380.00	7,169.11	15,549.11
SYLVARENA	3,900.00	2,425.69	6,325.69
WILSON	8,353.40	3,036.08	11,389.48
WESTSIDE	793.35	1,012.77	1,806.12
ZION HILL	4,924.00	5,730.39	10,654.39
TOTAL	136,195.99	163,052.16	299,248.15
COV-JEFF DAVIS			
*ASSOCIATION	.00	5,590.00	5,590.00
ANTIOCH	1,163.22	1,000.00	2,163.22
BASSFIELD	3,000.00	3,214.46	6,214.46
BETHANY	7,129.25	8,111.62	15,240.87
CALHOUN	2,201.72	1,444.69	3,646.41
CARSON	1,556.90	1,543.00	3,099.90
COLD SPRINGS	3,894.79	2,754.32	6,649.11
DUBLIN	770.40	3,109.30	3,879.70
Ebenezer	1,978.21	2,567.33	4,545.54
FBC COLLINS	22,452.53	12,039.48	34,492.01
FBC MT OLIVE	5,708.35	4,407.67	10,116.02
FBC SANFORD	1,698.00	1,042.00	2,740.00
HATHORN	1,229.27	2,433.64	3,662.91
LEAF RIVER	200.00	1,455.00	1,655.00
LONE STAR	1,171.84	1,017.66	2,189.50
LYNN HOREB	3,113.79	3,758.00	6,871.79
NEW HOPE	2,434.21	3,500.00	5,934.21
OAK GROVE	1,581.00	3,303.72	4,884.72
OLD HEBRON	5,085.71	6,083.09	11,168.80
ORA	1,486.72	3,062.70	4,549.42
PHALTI	3,644.75	8,631.76	12,276.51
PRENTISS	27,012.84	26,168.92	53,181.76
ROCK HILL	1,137.49	1,367.33	2,504.82
SALEM	12,422.51	13,328.99	25,751.50
SEMINARY	4,474.87	11,705.13	16,180.00
SOCIETY HILL	4,456.00	4,885.79	9,341.79
UNION SOUTH	6,559.00	2,546.00	9,105.00
VICTORY	1,868.06	2,815.04	4,683.10
WHITESAND	15,845.58	9,143.03	24,988.61
WILLIAMSBURG	2,632.12	1,667.33	4,299.45
WILLOW GROVE	4,534.30	1,330.38	5,864.68
TOTAL	155,151.71	161,780.78	316,932.49
FRANKLIN			
BUNKLEY	308.73	120.00	428.73
CONCORD	398.00	1,132.00	2,091.00
EDDIE TON	2,010.00	2,822.00	3,863.00
FEDDICTON	472.00	2,000.00	2,472.00
FBC BUDE	8,320.34	2,822.81	11,143.15
HAMBURG	1,702.25	1,900.00	3,602.25
HOPEWELL	1,233.22	2,106.00	3,339.22
LUCIEN	2,526.34	4,562.04	7,088.38
MCCALL CREEK	522.00	565.00	1,087.00

	COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
COLLEGE HILL HTS	3,677.60	2,878.24	6,555.84
DELAY	1,013.00	1,513.00	2,526.00
DANMARK	2,505.83	356.60	2,862.43
FAITH	13,680.25	7,690.12	21,370.37
FBC ABBEVILLE	58,706.80	45,890.97	104,597.77
FBC OXFORD	15,898.11	11,290.47	27,188.58
HARMON TOWN	1,595.78	2,782.91	4,378.69
NEW ELBETH	470.15	470.15	940.30
NEW PROSPECT	84,595.58	2,010.96	86,606.54
NORTH OXFORD	1,019.29	3,890.45	4,909.74
PARIS	572.00	10,032.00	10,604.00
PHILADELPHIA	4,993.69	4,101.30	9,094.99
SHILOH	1,681.35	1,148.60	2,829.95
TAYLOR	175.00	105.00	280.00
TEMPLE HEIGHTS	175.00	105.00	280.00
TRINITY	2,581.89	2,782.91	5,364.80
UNION WEST	3,296.93	1,801.75	5,098.68
YELLOW LEAF	10,410.24	19,790.81	30,201.05
TOTAL	244,131.90	201,531.14	445,663.04

LAMAR			
AUTUMN RIDGE	350.00	1,298.00	1,648.00
ARTERVILLE	1,971.65	1,302.94	3,274.59
BELLEVUE	7,954.03	3,585.00	11,539.03
CALVARY	5,712.52	8,673.06	14,385.58
COAL TOWN	822.82	1,319.42	2,142.24
CORINTH	2,643.00	4,460.54	7,103.54
FBC LUMBERTON	5,248.00	9,560.88	14,808.88
FBC OLOH	12,584.09	7,044.83	19,628.92
FBC PURVIS	54,591.40	22,117.18	76,708.58
FBC SUMRALL	27,344.10	27,344.10	54,688.20
GOOD HOPE	3,202.69	2,615.27	5,817.96
GREENVILLE	1,137.45	240.00	1,377.45
HICKORY GROVE	2,044.81	0.00	2,044.81
IMMANUEL	28,178.71	14,655.69	42,834.40
MILITARY	1,324.98	1,454.56	2,779.54
OKLAHOMA	1,172.38	1,172.38	2,344.76
RICHBURG	6,498.69	2,208.69	8,707.38
TRINITY	1,067.11	6,014.29	7,081.40
TOTAL	164,293.23	117,612.05	281,905.28

LAUDERDALE			
ARKADAPLHIA	6,485.56	4,772.44	11,258.00
ARROWWOOD	1,320.00	0.00	1,320.00
BAILEY	0.00	338.79	338.79
BETHANY	8,072.46	4,548.25	12,620.71
BIARWOOD	3,945.00	1,406.99	5,351.99
CALVARY	3,750.00	12,137.42	15,887.42
CARMEL	0.00	369.00	369.00
CAUSEVILLE	10,980.19	6,806.56	17,786.75
CENTER GROVE	997.53	1,755.12	2,752.65
CENTRAL	11,227.22	15,604.31	26,831.53
EIGHTH AVENUE	2,358.63	5,072.61	7,431.24
FBC COLLINSVILLE	45,088.45	18,120.58	63,209.03
FBC LAUDERDALE	6,800.77	2,222.07	9,022.84
FBC MARION	8,765.11	10,711.55	19,476.66
FBC MERIDIAN	65,829.01	63,570.44	129,399.45
FBC NEWSHIP	10,253.74	12,137.42	22,391.16
FIFTEENTH AVE	36,006.95	32,308.69	68,315.64
GOODWATER	1,286.92	1,479.00	2,765.92
HEBRON	13,475.09	16,080.18	29,555.27
HICKORY GROVE	630.00	881.25	1,511.25
HIGHLAND	84,457.92	44,583.74	129,041.66
LIBERTY	5,222.46	7,958.24	13,180.70
LINC CREEK	87.00	427.00	514.00
MACEDONIA	7,105.66	1,431.67	8,537.33
MIDWAY	59,699.61	26,286.50	85,986.11
MT GILEAD	4,148.84	3,335.83	7,484.67
MT HOREB	4,248.49	4,379.72	8,628.21
MT OLIVE	2,100.00	4,672.35	6,772.35
MT VERNON	4,590.19	6,056.36	10,646.55
MT VERNON	317.35	334.30	651.65
NEW HOPE	17,829.01	14,705.41	32,534.42
NORTHCREEK	45,592.66	5,065.83	50,658.49
NORTHEAST	1,395.45	798.05	2,193.50
OAK GROVE	5,810.45	12,233.30	18,043.75
OAKLAND HTS	11,764.75	8,537.56	20,302.31
PINE FOREST	1,500.00	4,270.00	5,770.00
POPLAR SPGS DR	53,000.06	45,289.58	98,289.64
RUSSELL	21,765.00	45,955.92	67,720.92
SALEM	600.00	1,662.00	2,262.00
STATE BOULEVD	25,775.16	27,991.94	53,767.10
TOOMSUBA	4,227.50	1,657.77	5,885.27
TRINITY	627.21	1,047.72	1,674.93
WESTWOOD	21,101.76	12,560.14	33,661.90
TOTAL	621,063.72	469,627.77	1,090,691.49

LAWRENCE			
ANTIOCH	0.00	1,285.00	1,285.00
ARM	1,480.43	3,002.44	4,482.87
BETHEL	14,353.45	6,487.10	20,840.55
CALVARY	11,452.85	3,409.84	14,862.69
CARMEL	4,927.72	3,783.62	8,711.34
CROOKED CREEK	1,889.86	980.00	2,869.86
FAITH	917.67	2,853.01	3,770.68
HEPZIBAH	1,646.90	1,493.00	3,139.90
JAYESS	51,483.46	45,526.67	97,010.13
MONTICELLO	31,227.06	12,230.82	43,457.88
NEW HEBRON	5,980.46	2,624.00	8,604.46
NEW HOPE	2,344.04	2,191.37	4,535.41
NEW ZION	3,552.30	2,492.03	6,044.33
OKLAHOMA	3,956.05	6,898.02	10,854.07
OLD OLIVER CREEK	6,302.69	5,302.59	11,605.28
PROVIDENCE	678.65	370.70	1,049.35
SAULS VALLEY	862.08	615.52	1,477.60
SHILOH	20,750.00	7,027.95	27,777.95
SHILOH	3,222.78	5,079.86	8,302.64
TORRKA	1,317.13	1,817.13	3,134.26
WALLA	170,137.98	116,630.33	286,768.31

LEAKE			
*ASSOCIATION	0.00	2,860.00	2,860.00
BETHEL	300.00	600.00	900.00
CARVER GROVE	367.19	734.37	1,101.56
CONWAY	3,872.06	8,889.64	12,761.70
CORINTH	1,061.02	2,200.59	3,261.61
EMMANUEL	16,216.49	8,627.03	24,843.52
FBC CARTHAGE	2,167.61	2,626.61	4,794.22
FREERY	1,085.73	458.00	1,543.73
GOOD HOPE	5,203.68	6,364.24	11,567.92
LENA	4,896.16	1,986.16	6,882.32
MIDWAY	890.41	1,713.41	2,603.82
MT CARMEL	875.00	2,251.65	3,126.65
MT ZION	2,054.73	3,354.34	5,409.07
NEW HOPE	726.29	1,212.29	1,938.58
NEW PROVIDENCE	477.88	90.00	567.88
NEW ZION	1,477.16	474.00	1,951.16
PEARL HILL	2,216.66	4,904.66	7,121.32
PLEASANT HILL	157.00	783.00	940.00
REMUS	0.00	766.00	766.00
RENFRE	3,140.16	3,777.38	6,917.54
SALEM	1,005.83	415.00	1,420.83
SPRINGFIELD	540.84	1,000.00	1,540.84
STANDING PINE	1,287.07	2,222.07	3,509.14
SUNRISE	3,129.54	13,025.54	16,155.08
THOMASTOWN	2,108.02	1,377.04	3,485.06
TRINITY	6,180.70	7,613.34	13,794.04
TUSCULA	981.97	1,130.00	2,111.97
WALNUT GROVE	4,662.89	5,669.61	10,332.50
WEST CARTHAGE	1,186.39	2,090.96	3,277.35
WIGGINS	457.56	611.56	1,069.12
TOTAL	69,474.68	91,902.89	161,377.57

LEBANON			
*ASSOCIATION	0.00	26,740.00	26,740.00
BEACON	1,977.26	1,944.47	3,921.73
CALVARY	9,879.00	3,689.77	13,568.77
CARTERVILLE	32,700.00	12,012.08	44,712.08
CRESTVIEW	2,125.00	2,602.25	4,727.25
CROSSROADS	616.05	618.05	1,234.10
DIXIE	16,482.91	17,753.50	34,236.41
EASTABUCHIE	540.44	2,300.38	2,840.82
FBC BROOKLYN	6,666.29	7,232.87	13,899.16
FBC CARNES	1,492.00	1,058.00	2,550.00
FBC GLENDALE	15,853.44	8,492.84	24,346.28
FBC HATTIESBURG	11,935.71	7,937.71	19,873.42
FBC MACLAURIN	3,905.54	5,064.08	8,969.62
FBC PEARL	15,688.64	10,653.27	26,341.91
GREENS CREEK	2,764.86	1,252.33	4,017.19
LINCOLN ROAD	5,885.25	2,405.00	8,290.25
LYNN RAY ROAD	944.54	1,655.54	2,600.08
MACEDONIA	23,732.17	8,062.79	31,794.96
MAIN STREET	39,804.45	35,947.60	75,752.05
MARY HILL	1,407.33	334.47	1,741.80
MAYBANK	4,993.66	2,644.89	7,638.55
MT OLIVE MISSY	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
NEW HOPE	232.54	0.00	232.54
NINETEENTH AVE	6,244.42	5,600.67	11,845.09
PETAL HARVEY	52,662.29	17,112.82	69,775.11
PINEVIEW	21,600.00	12,710.82	34,310.82
PROVIDENCE	15,253.00	30,929.02	46,182.02
RAWLS SPRINGS	1,028.48	5,346.00	6,374.48
RIDGECREST	1,028.48	1,040.71	2,069.19
SOUTH 28TH AVE	1,971.47	834.28	2,805.75

	COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
SUNRISE	7,169.00	7,928.00	15,097.00
TEMPLE H'BURG	105,478.24	154,759.88	260,238.12
TEMPLE PETAL	1,870.21	76.00	1,946.21
THIRTEENTH AVE	12,953.94	13,520.52	26,474.46
TRINITY	337.03	362.03	700.00
UNIVERSITY	545.00	12,712.27	13,257.27
WEST POINT MISSION	200.00	0.00	200.00
TOTAL	536,904.54	481,434.20	1,018,338.74

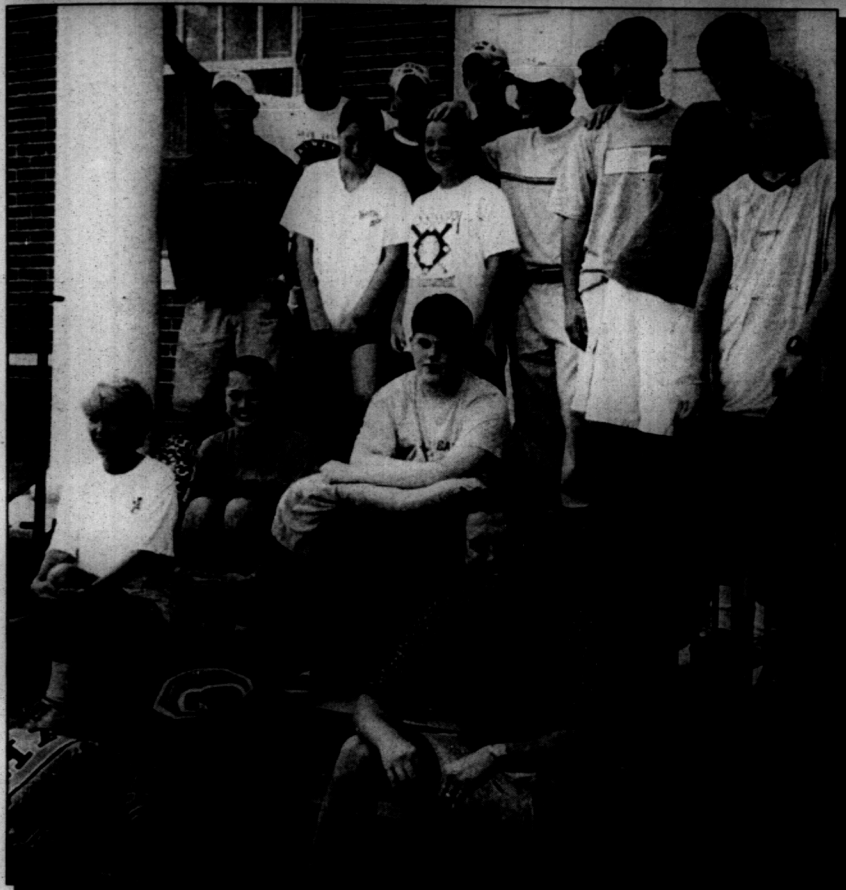
LEE			
AUBURN	15,641.45	9,193.00	24,834.45
BELDEN	23,429.98	10,756.31	34,186.29
BETHANY	1,000.00	800.00	1,800.00
BIRMINGHAM	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
BISSELL	2,266.14	425.00	2,691.14
BREWER	10,425.34	6,046.20	16,471.54
CALVARY	211,300.81	106,773.41	318,074.22
CAMP CREEK	9,703.21	1,905.47	11,608.68
CHESTERVILLE	4,067.23	6,960.89	11,028.12
DOTY CHAPEL	2,944.18	2,944.18	5,888.36
EAST HEIGHTS	17,473.94	20,006.94	37,480.88
EAST MT ZION	3,499.64	3,072.85	6,572.49
EUCALUBBA	3,218.26	204.61	3,422.87
FBC BALDWIN	53,984.81	12,504.05	66,488.86
FBC GUNTON	1,089.90	1,380.50	2,470.40
FBC NETTLETON	10,779.23	3,938.00	14,717.23
FBC PLANTERSVILLE	10,509.00	6,940.98	17,449.98
FBC SALTILLO	33,661.01	15,292.15	48,953.16
FBC SHANNON	8,192.66	2,486.00	10,678.66
FBC TUPELO	29,985.64	66,329.96	96,315.60
FBC VERONA	21,794.14	12,566.62	34,360.76
GRACE MEMORIAL	450.00	967.00	1,417.00
GRANBURY	109,343.75	51,011.80	160,355.55
INIONIA	2,782.91	6,222.96	9,005.87
LIMESTONE	874.00	1,998.00	2,872.00
MACEDONIA	4,646.12	4,300.00	8,946.12
MONUMENT DRIVE	1,856.97	5,359.60	7,216.57
MT SINAI	517.64	350.00	867.64
MT VERNON	2,019.44	3,764.46	5,783.90
OLD UNION	6,443.38	6,679.65	13,123.03
OPEN DOOR	995.65	975.99	1,971.64
PALESTINE	300.00	300.00	600.00
PARKWAY	15,948.00	12,839.27	28,787.27
PLEASANT GROVE	805.43	1,140.98	1,946.41
RICHMOND	5,226.37	4,277.13	9,503.50
RICHBURG	3,579.24	2,758.34	6,337.58
SHERMAN	6,022.88	0.00	6,022.88
UNION CHAPEL	1,112.67	914.00	2,026.67
WEST JACKSON ST	48,274.62	10,665.35	58,939.97
TOTAL	741,893.49	408,555.57	1,150,449.06

LEFLORE			
CALVARY	8,765.54	5,140.02	13,905.56
CHRIST	5,390.25	4,894.96	10,285.21
FBC GREENWOOD	25,311.76	26,085.19	51,396.95
FBC ITTA BENA	10,274.31	7,390.02	17,664.33
FBC MINTER CITY	1,102.00	450.00	1,552.00
IMMANUEL	7,303.76	6,276.12	13,579.88
MORGAN CITY	.00	3,871.48	3,871.48
MT VERNON	28.60	498.44	527.04
NEW GREENWOOD	38,937.83	32,326.72	71,264.55
PHILLIPSTON	943.77	134.09	1,077.86
RIVERSIDE	.00	7,750.00	7,750.00
SCHILATER	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,900.00
SIDON	250.00	.00	250.00
TOTAL	99,207.22	95,813.91	195,021.13

	COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
NEW PROSPECT	5,530.56	2,217.25	7,747.81
N DESOTO COMM	815.00	800.00	1,615.00
OAK GROVE	2,604.97	781.42	3,386.39
PARKWAY	7,842.38	6,173.75	14,016.13
PLEASANT HILL	5,093.14	1,980.00	7,073.14
SOUTH CREEK	912.03	182.41	1,094.44
STRAYHORN	5,923.79	2,838.16	8,761.95
TRINITY - HERN	1,401.50	221.35	1,622.85
TRINITY - SHAVEN	87,999.59	47,409.97	135,409.56
TWIN LAKES	1,923.36	2,419.95	4,343.31
TYRO	1,013.00	445.00	1,458.00
WILDWOOD	1,491.00	0.00	1,491.00
WYATTE	2,969.52	7,911.80	10,881.32
TOTAL	649,946.50	386,711.89	1,036,658.39
NOXUBEE	5,799.70	14,055.45	19,855.15
BROOKSVILLE	6,000.00	140.00	6,140.00
CALVARY MACON	500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
CONCORD	14,898.17	14,654.73	29,552.90
FBC MACON	850.96	1,868.75	2,719.71
MASHULAVILLE	0.00	300.00	300.00
RUHAMA	1,500.00	3,877.00	5,377.00
SHUQUALAK	564.72	0.00	564.72
VERNON	24,713.55	36,395.93	61,109.48
TOTAL	24,713.55	36,395.93	61,109.48
PANOLA	16,324.21	11,539.69	27,863.90
CALVARY	1,941.87	2,150.00	4,091.87
COURTLAND	2,346.00	3,910.00	6,256.00
CRESHAW	2,750.00	2,900.00	5,650.00
ENID LAKE	986.39	405.00	1,391.39
ENON	2,089.00	867.50	2,956.50
FBC BATESVILLE	74,515.64	29,310.01	103,825.65
FBC BARDIS	18,798.58	24,695.40	43,493.98
FIRST FAITH	708.46	638.50	1,346.96
GOOD HOPE	2,967.65	5,937.00	8,904.65
HERON	2,970.91	916.70	3,887.61
IMMANUEL	2,027.23	1,049.00	3,076.23
LIBERTY HILL	4,424.00	2,195.20	6,619.20
LOCKE STATION	3,468.99	2,474.35	5,943.34
MCCOR	296.30	150.00	446.30
NORTH BATESVILLE	6,622.95	5,200.00	11,822.95
PARCH CREEK	2,329.18	6,440.00	8,769.18
PHARSALIA	190.95	330.00	520.95
PILGRIMS REST	2,465.57	1,740.00	4,205.57
POPE	6,074.00	3,197.50	9,271.50
ROSE HILL	50.00	294.35	344.35
SARDIS LAKE	5,172.26	3,416.90	8,589.16
SHADY GROVE	2,004.00	4,894.00	6,898.00
TOWNA	1,246.68	837.00	2,083.68
UNION	1,141.32	684.79	1,826.11
TOTAL	164,104.14	116,573.89	280,678.03
PEARL RIVER	0.00	130.00	130.00
ASSOCIATION	6,263.49	5,168.19	11,431.68
BETHEL	8,084.19	5,945.38	14,029.57
CENTRAL	663.30	1,068.00	1,731.30
CORINTH	7,835.20	4,095.21	11,930.41
CRANE CREEK	1,857.00	2,728.64	4,585.64
DEBBY	1,034.44	2,172.75	3,207.19
FAITH MEMORIAL	1,957.02	811.39	2,768.41
FBC CARRIERS	1,500.00	1,600.99	3,100.99
FBC NICHOLSON	1,389.60	1,753.49	3,143.09
FBC OZONA	84,754.61	88,348.37	173,102.98
FBC PICAYUNE	23,873.80	26,292.12	50,165.92
FBC POPLARVILLE	1,827.09	1,405.13	3,232.22
FLAT TOP UNITY	2,476.00	4,222.50	6,698.50
FORDS CREEK	7,869.48	6,065.14	13,934.62
GOOD YEAR	618.16	879.08	1,497.24
GUM POND	2,264.84	2,213.00	4,477.84
HARMONY	1,821.76	2,706.23	4,527.99
HILLCREST ROAD	7,557.43	8,564.15	16,121.58
UNION GROVE	1,621.13	2,234.58	3,855.71
NEW HENLEYFIELD	8,127.03	17,653.20	25,780.23
NEW PALESTINE	4,059.46	5,022.75	9,082.21
OAK HILL	4,012.52	4,237.48	8,250.00
OLIVE	695.76	1,565.90	2,261.66
PARKVIEW	14,310.00	11,802.80	26,112.80
PINE GROVE	2,580.22	2,276.89	4,857.11
ROLLING HILLS	28,617.00	14,107.00	42,724.00
ROSELAND PARK	2,966.55	3,671.28	6,637.83
SPRING HILL	10,674.86	14,290.22	24,965.08
STEEL HOLLOW	20,619.16	21,182.08	41,801.24
UNION	5,282.52	7,330.17	12,612.69
UNITY	357.75	600.00	957.75
WEST POPLARVILLE	1,082.12	2,757.37	3,839.49
WHITE SAND	269,482.63	263,479.31	532,961.94
TOTAL	269,482.63	263,479.31	532,961.94
PERRY	1,850.00	1,310.00	3,160.00
ARLINGTON	2,393.00	1,210.00	3,603.00
BREWER	689.23	450.00	1,139.23
BUCK CREEK	676.09	0.00	676.09
CALVARY	400.00	576.00	976.00
EASTSIDE	6,113.61	2,430.52	8,544.13
FBC BEAUMONT	3,968.00	4,604.53	8,572.53
FBC NEW AUGUSTA	31,145.00	18,794.93	49,939.93
FBC RICHMOND	7,552.50	5,055.44	12,607.94
FBC RUNDLESTOWN	4,054.54	11,477.96	15,532.50
GOOD HOPE	1,085.62	1,284.32	2,369.94
INDIAN SPRINGS	772.36	948.00	1,720.36
JANICE	1,189.12	0.00	1,189.12
LOOP ROAD	822.07	2,044.15	2,866.22
MEMORIAL	1,002.15	3,328.86	4,331.01
SEMINARY	1,007.53	1,159.88	2,167.41
THOMPSON HILL	65,502.06	54,629.22	120,131.28
UNION	0.00	207.00	207.00
PIKE	1,606.37	1,875.00	3,481.37
*ASSOCIATION	2,511.21	2,246.63	4,757.84
BALA CHITTO	2,299.91	1,677.20	3,977.11
BOGUE CHITTO	2,492.41	1,701.92	4,194.33
CALVARY	22,749.26	15,755.51	38,504.77
CENTRAL	15,479.28	5,654.37	21,133.65
EAST MCCOMB	6,650.00	1,553.25	8,203.25
FBC MACON	30,861.70	18,127.77	48,989.47
FBC MCCOMB	59,649.68	57,827.77	117,477.45
FBC SUMMIT	52,121.32	41,631.74	93,753.06
FELLOWSHIP	7,136.43	713.00	7,849.43
FERNWOOD	1,500.00	4,223.00	5,723.00
FRIENDSHIP	8,827.00	4,847.79	13,674.79
HOLMESVILLE	2,053.02	698.00	2,751.02
IMMANUEL	300.00	915.00	1,215.00
JOHNSTON STAT'N	2,593.00	2,701.37	5,294.37
MT ZION	1,218.98	1,879.60	3,098.58
NAVILLA	7,034.06	7,427.17	14,461.23
NEW HOPE	436.00	1,026.00	1,462.00
NORTH MCCOMB	8,778.00	3,159.25	11,937.25
OSYKA	3,980.00	1,937.79	5,917.79
PALESTINE	3,182.22	2,766.00	5,948.22
SILVER CREEK	7,029.66	3,198.62	10,228.28
SILVER SPRINGS	6,027.94	2,670.00	8,697.94
SOUTH MCCOMB	7,854.52	5,322.51	13,177.03
TANGIPAHOA	6,298.72	4,346.50	10,645.22
TERRY'S CREEK	14,123.62	5,310.00	19,433.62
UNITY	1,579.02	3,541.11	5,120.13
UNITED MCCOMB	12,961.87	9,840.61	22,802.48
TOTAL	294,823.14	212,848.25	507,671.39
PONTOTOC	7,026.02	1,604.52	8,630.54
ALGOMA	1,339.08	1,572.36	2,911.44
BELLEVUE	2,000.00	250.00	2,250.00
BUCHANAN	1,946.13	1,048.72	2,994.85
CAIRO	924.00	924.00	1,848.00
CAREY SPRINGS	654.98	2,619.99	3,274.97
CENTER HILL	9,436.13	6,876.22	16,312.35
CHERRY CREEK	1,300.00	1,435.00	2,735.00
CHESTERVILLE CAL	0.00	4,945.00	4,945.00
COOKE MEM	7,599.43	0.00	7,599.43
COUNTY LINE	20,534.97	14,079.10	34,614.07
ECRU	796.04	500.00	1,296.04
ENDVILLE	47,230.37	29,259.07	76,489.44
FBC PONTOTOC	3,058.23	0.00	3,058.23
FBC TROY	12,031.19	2,940.43	14,971.62
FRIENDSHIP	5,284.27	7,246.55	12,530.82
FURS	0.00	100.00	100.00
GERSHORN	3,810.89	3,788.04	7,598.93
GREEN VALLEY	4,483.85	2,395.00	6,878.85
HARMONY	777.00	0.00	777.00
HEBRON	0.00	282.00	282.00
HORTON MEM	1,846.21	2,129.15	3,975.36
IMMANUEL	10,191.31	4,103.70	14,295.01
LIBERTY	1,375.00	4,226.00	5,601.00
LOCKUST HILL	11,099.00	3,183.00	14,282.00
LONGVIEW	0.00	59.00	59.00
MACDONIA	2,309.50	2,805.74	5,115.24
MIDWAY	1,663.30	2,263.30	3,926.60
NEW FAITH	1,510.00	0.00	1,510.00
NEW HOPE	2,985.19	2,225.58	5,210.77
OAK HILL	5,040.82	4,288.84	9,329.66
PINE GROVE	497.00	0.00	497.00
PINELAKE	5,711.12	7,057.32	12,768.44
SHADY GROVE	1,706.00	2,432.64	4,138.64
SPRING CREEK	510.55	5,594.59	6,105.14
TOTAL	3,071.57	5,594.59	8,666.16

	COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
TOCCOPOLA	200.69	263.25	463.94
TOXISH	1,550.00	2,098.75	3,648.75
TROY	2,192.02	2,199.11	4,391.13
TURNPIKE	2,069.37	145.47	2,214.84
VALLEY GROVE	2,281.23	1,973.46	4,254.69
WEST HEIGHTS	84,933.86	44,178.70	129,112.56
WOODLAND	1,239.09	4,519.67	5,758.76
ZION	4,007.00	5,308.52	9,315.52
TOTAL	275,132.41	191,772.51	466,904.92
PRENTISS			
*ASSOCIATION	.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
CALVARY	2,939.27	1,695.00	4,634.27
CANDLERS CHAPEL	1,135.32	2,711.19	3,846.51
CASEY CREEK	912.40	456.20	1,368.60
CRESTWOOD	1,830.80	2,116.00	3,946.80
EAST BOONEVILLE	44,073.90	18,906.83	62,980.73
EAST MARIETTA	2,063.02	238.00	2,301.02
E PLEASANT RIDGE	1,102.04	1,994.34	3,096.38
EAST PRENTISS	2,352.70	2,808.93	5,161.63
FAIRVIEW	1,521.46	1,014.33	2,535.79
FBC BOONEVILLE	30,412.32	41,881.20	72,293.52
FBC JUMPERTOWN	540.50	225.00	765.50
FOREST HILL	713.00	100.00	813.00
GASTON	14,695.07	20,488.44	35,183.51
HILL'S CHAPEL	286.58	143.27	429.85
INGRAM	2,651.70	2,500.66	5,152.36
MT OLIVE	11,794.33	16,201.04	27,995.37
NEW BURTON	580.00	385.00	965.00
OAK HILL	1,961.02	5,764.99	7,726.01
OSBORNE CREEK	1,505.00	2,255.00	3,760.00
PINEY GROVE	2,755.85	1,033.58	3,789.43
PLEASANT GROVE	251.25	331.25	582.50
THRASHER	2,177.15	5,854.84	8,031.99
TRINITY	90.50	190.50	281.00
TUSCUMBIA	1,063.00	5,315.00	6,378.00
WHEELER	2,348.15	3,041.87	5,390.02
TOTAL	129,276.33	139,252.46	268,528.79
RANKIN			
*ASSOCIATION	.00	200.00	200.00
ANDREW CHAPEL	462.59	2,520.17	2,982.76
ANTIOCH-BRANDON	11,669.56	7,453.57	19,123.13
ANTIOCH-FLORENCE	2,957.63	2,735.94	5,693.57
BAFFLEFOOT SPRINGS	960.00	1,074.97	2,034.97
BETHEL	6,871.24	6,940.40	13,811.64
BRIAR HILL	63,859.00	23,307.00	87,166.00
CASTLEWOODS	9,590.21	6,413.02	16,003.23
CATO	16,989.42	12,032.86	29,022.28
CENTRAL	.00	200.00	200.00
CLEAR BRANCH	2,959.57	1,856.17	4,815.74
CLEARLY	18,499.77	16,451.20	34,950.97
CONCORD	3,983.93	2,023.00	6,006.93
COUNTY LINE	300.00	515.00	815.00
CROSS ROADS	2,961.18	1,051.24	4,012.42
CROSSGATES	50,000.00	18,473.81	68,473.81
CROSSVIEW	3,627.72	5,426.25	9,053.97
EASTSIDE PEARL	1,260.00	1,331.54	2,591.54
E SIDE PELAHATCHIE	201,398.00	51,975.24	253,373.24
FBC BRANDON	2,267.40	9,538.13	21,805.53
FBC FANNIN	17,500.03	14,819.29	32,319.32
FBC FLORENCE	37,500.03	28,893.47	66,393.50
FBC PEARL	35,719.32	28,893.47	64,612.79
FBC RICHLAND	38,454.81	31,387.26	69,842.07
FLOWOOD	15,698.00	2,756.31	18,454.31
GALILEE	690.77	745.37	1,436.14
GRACE	445.80	.00	445.80
GRANDVIEW	8,736.45	6,543.89	15,280.34
GUNTER ROAD	1,523.00	2,323.00	3,846.00
HICKORY RIDGE	2,693.00	6,466.00	9,159.00
HOPEWELL	1,953.09	2,397.66	4,350.75
LAKE HARBOR	772.32	257.46	1,029.78
LAKE SHORE	1,310.82	327.71	1,638.53
LEESBURG	12,799.66	4,995.80	17,795.46
LIBERTY	8,147.50	7,884.00	16,031.50
LIFELINE	394.50	563.00	957.50
LIGHTHOUSE	246.58	578.00	824.58
MCCLAIRIN HTS	42,082.32	32,577.01	74,659.33
MEADOW GROVE	10,401.50	8,377.89	18,779.39
MOUNTAIN CREEK	3,119.00	2,361.00	5,480.00
MT PISGAR	8,764.89	5,600.40	14,365.29
MT ZION	3,182.00	4,236.50	7,418.50
OXDALE	18,075.77	3,068.00	21,143.77
PARK PLACE	88,213.31	30,775.98	118,989.29
PAUL TRUITT MEM	7,789.37	7,389.47	15,178.84
PEARSON	10,712.73	13,224.43	23,937.16
PELAHATCHIE	24,568.70	9,247.12	33,815.82
PINELAKE	129,799.66	7,694.00	137,493.66
PROVIDENCE	1,211.11	1,923.38	3,134.49
PUCKETT	12,240.65	5,241.52	17,482.17
REHOBETH	12,511.94	3,017.38	15,529.32
ROBINHOOD	1,199.35	2,005.57	3,204.92
ROCK BLUFF	753.71	1,275.19	2,028.90
ROCK HILL	5,512.58	1,183.69	6,696.27
ROCK HILL	52,912.58	23,729.99	76,642.57
THORN HILL	219.00	219.00	438.00
TRINITY	310.54	1,824.61	3,135.15
UNION	1,560.00	4,480.00	6,040.00
WALKER HILL	9,419.90	2,849.19	12,269.09
TOTAL	1,038,146.69	464,680.82	1,502,827.51
SCOTT			
*ASSOCIATION	.00	227.50	227.50
BETHLEHEM	4,720.11	4,715.00	9,435.11
BRANCH	5,405.40	5,105.40	10,510.80
CALVARY	1,992.71	2,507.08	4,499.79
CASH	4,449.70	4,449.70	8,899.40
CHURCH	1,159.42	2,140.00	3,299.42
COOPERVILLE	573.74	1,103.79	1,677.53
EAST FOREST	73.71	940.37	1,014.08
EAST MORTON	600.00	484.00	1,084.00
EPHESUS	8,565.45	6,313.16	14,878.61
FBC LAKE	1,431.32	8,291.33	9,722.65
FBC MORTON	16,137.27	14,688.15	30,825.42
FOREST	45,193.22	29,481.25	74,674.47
HARPERVILLE	6,921.56	4,721.14	11,642.70
HILLSBORO	2,818.00	3,051.40	5,869.40
HOMEWOOD	1,500.00	1,226.00	2,726.00
HOPEVELL	1,037.00	1,050.00	2,087.00
HOPEVELL	1,037.00	1,170.00	2,207.00
LINE CREEK	1,385.88	2,365.00	3,750.88
LUDLOW	1,996.45	4,620.20	6,616.65
NEW GOOD HOPE	100.00	365.00	465.00
NEW HOME	630.46	351.12	981.58
NEW LIBERTY	929.45	4,100.00	5,029.45
NEW ZION	24.86	301.00	325.86
NORTH MORTON	1,392.64	3,140.59	4,533.23
OAK GROVE	600.00	1,915.50	2,515.50
PARKWAY	841.76	1,593.64	2,435.40
PULASKI	511.47	606.74	1,118.21
RIDGE	.00	1,150.00	1,150.00
SANDKIDGE	1,080.91	200.00	1,280.91
SEBASTOPOL	10,384.75	4,433.37	14,818.12
SPRINGFIELD	16,769.99	12,414.76	29,184.75
STEELE	2,187.95	2,847.22	5,035.17
TEMPLE	1,181.00	4,450.00	5,631.00
TOTAL	143,244.97	126,780.83	270,025.80
SHARKEY - ISSAQ			
CARY	991.00	1,929.50	2,920.50
DEER CREEK	3,077.70	4,432.47	7,510.17
FBC ANGUILLA INC	10,013.30	2,740.00	12,753.30
FBC ROLLING FORK	21,452.65	8,864.50	30,317.15
STRAIGHT BAYOU	2,013.83	4,291.00	6,304.83
VALLEY PARK	988.23	4,511.61	5,499.84
TOTAL	41,135.73	26,919.08	68,054.81
SIMPSON			
BETHLEHEM	758.95	.00	758.95
BEULAH	941.91	2,175.35	3,117.26
CALVARY	60.00	60.00	120.00
CALVARY BRAXTON	708.54	3,333.80	4,042.34
COAT	2,629.84	2,487.71	5,117.55
CORINTH	12,428.70	12,977.59	25,406.29
DRY LO	420.97	3,338.90	3,759.87
DRY CREEK	6,509.80	9,818.51	16,328.31
EASTSIDE	1,284.11	2,488.11	3,772.22
FBC BRAXTON	4,308.45	995.25	5,303.70
FBC MAGEE	51,153.15	21,821.19	72,974.34
FBC M'HALL	44,912.51	35,620.60	80,533.11
FELLOWSHIP	1,159.35	1,159.35	2,318.70
GOODWATER	15,566.50	21,474.35	37,040.85
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NAMES IN THE NEWS



Youth of Walnut Grove Church, Walnut Grove, attended Centrifuge in Gulfport, July 7-12. Pictured are Jon Brooks; Shelley Jones; Beth Atkinson; Lacey Greer; Josh Brown; Drew Thomas; Eric Jones; Marcus Hogue; Daniel Jones; Daniel Evans; Dusty Thomas; Daniel Wilcher; and Dennis Wells, Paul Hogue, and Kathy Hogue, counselors.



Sanchez, Nerren, and Rogers

Robinhood Church, Rankin Association, recently licensed Chris Sanchez to the ministry. Sanchez is a student at Hinds Community College

and is the son of Robert and Beth Ferren of Brandon. John Rogers was licensed and ordained to the ministry. Both men are available for interim or supply work and can be contacted through Don Nerren, pastor, at (601) 829-2626. Rogers can also be contacted at home (601) 420-5407.

Pictured (from left) are Sanchez, Nerren, and Rogers.

Mt. Olive Church, Benton-Tippah Association, recently licensed Johnathan Turner to the ministry. Pictured with Turner (left) is Jonathan Childress, pastor.



Turner and Childress

Homecomings

Big Springs, Brookhaven: Aug. 12; Sunday, 11 a.m. service, followed by covered dish meal, and Christian Soldiers singing; Eric Naquin, pastor.

North Winona, Winona: Aug. 12; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; dinner on the grounds at noon; afternoon singing; Ed McDaniel, pastor.

Galilee First, Gloster: Aug. 12; 177th anniversary; service at 11 a.m., followed by fellowship lunch; Sammy Smith, speaker; Raymond Steele, mini concert.

Salem, Raymond: Aug. 12; 124 years old; 11 a.m. service followed by dinner on the grounds; Steven Stone, guest speaker; Rusty Bird, pastor.

Bethany, Bay Springs: Aug. 19; 11 a.m. service followed by lunch in fellowship hall and 1 p.m. service; Daryl Craft, evangelist.

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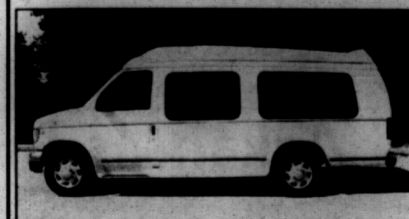


First Church, Tutwiler, held deacon ordination services on March 11 for Johnson Gee. Mark Morgan, pastor of Webb and Brazil churches preached the ordination message. J. B. Hays, Jr., pastor, (left) is pictured with Gee.

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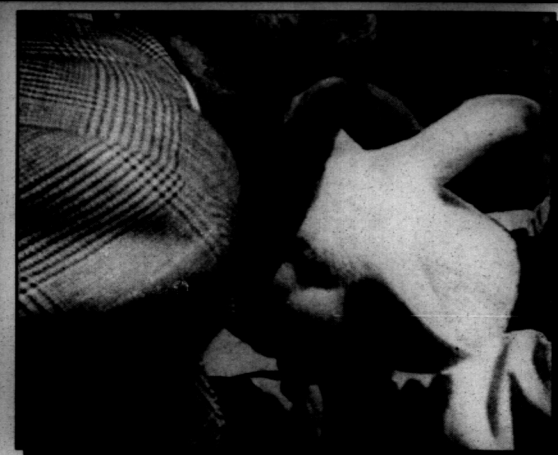


Mission Friends of Bentonia Church, Bentonia, recently planted a prayer garden. Pictured (from left) are Tristen Beith, Hunter Beith, Alex Alias, Delaine Irwin, Anne Marie Alias, Jacob Speckner, Danielle Creel, and Christian Osborne.



Evans of Mt. Pisgah Church, Enid

Marty Evans Jr., pastor, and Howard Armstrong, associate pastor, of Mt. Pisgah Church, Enid, agreed to kiss a pig if the church had 75 in Sunday School on April 1.



Armstrong of Mt. Pisgah Church, Enid



Mission Friends of Branch Church, Morton

Mission Friends of Branch Church, Morton, raised \$117 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Pictured (back row) are Tyler Mahaffey, Jessica Tagert, Darwin Coward, and Autumn Cagle; (front row) Olivia Lampkin, Karleigh Mahaffey, and Creston Giles.



Thirteen volunteers from Beulah Church, Myrtle, went to Ocean City, New Jersey, June 30-July 5, to help rebuild Tabernacle Church. The group also did street evangelism in the evening, held Vacation Bible School, and passed out over 4,000 tracts. "Seven people prayed to receive Christ as Lord and Savior," said Ken White, pastor.

Singles meet August 16 in Madison

Singles Resolution, a gathering for all singles, will be held at 7 p.m. on August 16 in the chapel of Ridgecrest Church, Madison. There will be food and fellowship, with black light theater and miming provided by a troupe from Parkway Church, Clinton. The Bible study, to be led by Glenn Shows of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Discipleship and Family Ministry Department, is entitled, *How to Touch God*. The event is sponsored by the Metro Singles Leadership Team. For more information, call (601) 853-1090.

New Orleans Seminary to offer Internet courses

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Special) — New Orleans Seminary (NOBTS) has announced the Fall 2001 lineup of Internet courses. Courses taken online can be applied to a variety of degree programs at the seminary, or may simply be taken as non-academic credit courses to enhance personal ministry.

The courses are taught by full-time faculty members and include interactive elements such as chat rooms, threaded discussions, video/audio components, and more.

The two certificate courses, which cost \$85 per credit hour plus a \$50 per hour technology fee, include Leadership Training for Women and Women's Ministry Programs, both taught by Rhonda Kelley.

The four undergraduate courses, which cost \$95 per credit hour plus a \$50 per hour technology fee, include:

- Greek I, taught by Thomas Strong.
- Great Preachers and Their Preaching, taught by Dr. Endel Lee.

- Integrating Academics and Ministry, taught by Jerry Barlow.
- Southern Baptist Life, taught by Scott Drumm.

The six graduate courses, which cost \$125 per credit hour plus a \$50 per hour technology fee, are:

- Introductory Greek Grammar (first of a two-part series), taught by Thomas Strong.
- Introductory Hebrew Grammar, taught by Walter Brown.
- New Testament Exegesis: Matthew, taught by Don Stewart.
- History of Christianity: Early and Medieval, taught by Lloyd Harsch.
- Youth Culture, taught by Allen Jackson.
- Philosophical Foundations, taught by Tim Searcy.

Courses not taken for academic credit cost \$80 per course plus a \$50 per hour technology fee and can never be applied for credit at the NOBTS. Students desiring to enter an NOBTS degree program will need to meet all the normal requirements for admission to the Seminary.

Online courses are designed primarily for off-campus students who do not have easy access to the NOBTS campus. On-campus students may take the Internet courses in the regular fall and spring semesters only if they meet certain criteria.

The registration deadline for these internet courses is August 15. For course descriptions and other information, visit online at <http://nobts.edu/academics/Virtual%20Campus.htm>, or contact Student Enlistment at (800) 282-4455, ext. 3303.

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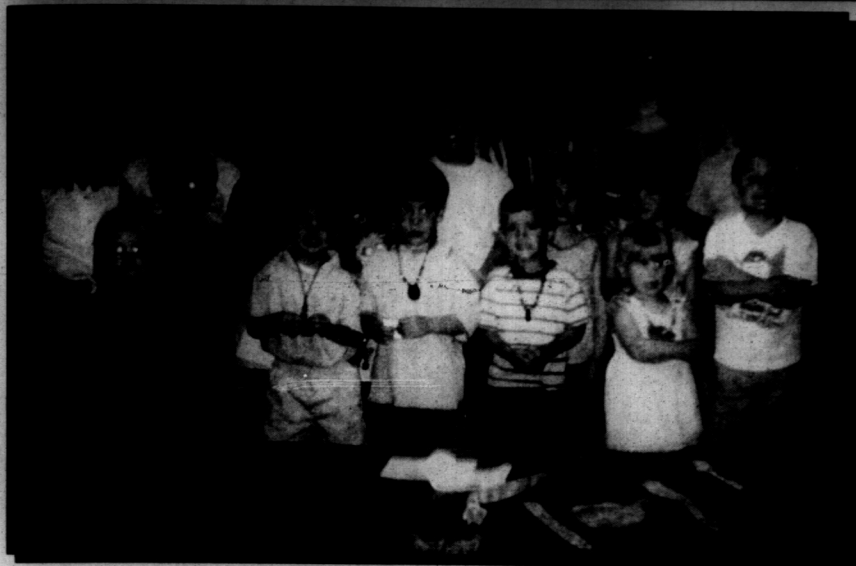
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VBS RESULTS



Children of Sunflower Church, Sunflower

Children (pictured) of Sunflower Church, Sunflower, held a contest during VBS between the girls and boys to see which could collect the most canned goods for the food pantry at Delta Missions Ministry.

Cason (Monroe): July 22-26; 571 enrolled and average attendance of 449; two saved and several re-commitments by the youth; Sammy McMillen, pastor.

Wellman Church, Bogue Chitto: enrollment included 176 students and 46 workers

Salem, Raymond: Aug. 12-15; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; speakers will be Steven Stone, Sunday morning; Chip Henderson, Sunday evening; Don Gann, Monday; John Pace, Tuesday, and Eddie Hamilton,

with 178 average attendance; 38 professions of faith; offering of \$438.21 and personal care items were designated for Baptist Children's Village; Daniel Perry, pastor.

Cedar View, Olive Branch: June 4-11; enrollment was 142 with an average atten-

dance of 119; seven professions of faith; Robert Dottley, pastor; Joyce Chrestman, director.



Children of Cedar View, Olive Branch

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Bethlehem Church, Morton, licensed Timothy Phillipson to the ministry on

April 29. Stephen Lanier, pastor, presented Phillipson with his license.

REVIVAL DATES

Wednesday; Jeremy Little, music; Rusty Bird, pastor.

Mt. Vernon, Newton: Aug. 12-16; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs., 7 p.m.; Randall Creel, Lake, evangelist; Merrill Cassel, music; Steve Pouncey, pastor.

D'LO (Simpson): Aug. 20-22; 7 p.m.; Steve White, Gulfshores, Ala., guest speaker; Jeff Sanders, D'LO Church, music; Kathy Sanders, pianist; Wendy Sandifer, organist; Robert Sones, pastor.

Bethany, Bay Springs: Aug. 20-22; 7 p.m.; Harvey Lilly, evangelist; Kevin Bishop, music.

Jeffery David Holt (left) was licensed to the ministry at Parkway Church, Morton, by his father, David Holt, pastor. He is available for opportunities to preach and can be reached at (601) 732-8070.



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STAFF CHANGES

Howard Davis of Stewart retired in April after 48 years of service in the ministry. Churches he pastored include Zion Hill, McNeil; Gainesville, Gainesville; Bellefontaine, Ocean Springs; Juniper Grove, Poplarville; Corinth, Nicholson; Louin, Louin; and Union, Stewart. He began two missions that are



Davis

now Larue Church and Belle Haven Church. Davis attended Clarke College and William Carey College. "At the age of 83, he still seeks to serve in the church with his wife Thelma (Tillie) Davis," said Wendy Davis, his daughter.

Evansville Church, Coldwater, has called Smitty Smith of Olive Branch as part time youth director, effective June 1. R. David Worley is pastor of Evansville Church.



Smith

Puckett Church, Puckett, has called Paul Trosper as minister of students effective July 15. A native of Louisville, Trosper received his education at Mississippi College and is enrolled in New Orleans Seminary, Clinton Extension. He previously served at Paul Truitt Church, Pearl.

Ivor L. Clark dies at age 81

Funeral services for Ivor L. Clark, 81, a native of Neshoba County, were held July 19 in Philadelphia. He died July 16 in the Neshoba County General Hospital. Clark attended Mississippi College, Southwestern Seminary, and the Air Force Chaplains School in Carlisle, Penn. During his years in the ministry, he worked with the Louisiana Baptist Convention Board, pastored churches in four different states, and had six Mississippi pastorates. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Audine McNair Clark of Union; and brother, Herman Clark of Sebastopol.

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Colorful salvation story spreads in Zambia

LUSAKA, Zambia (BP) — One prayer for the boat, as it carries their family across the river. One prayer for the 4-wheeler, slogging through red African mud. Innumerable prayers for the people at the end of the trail.

This is the pattern followed by Daren and Shawna Davis, missionaries to the Lozi of western Zambia.

"To get to the Lozi is difficult, but once we get there, the people are excited that we're there," Daren Davis said.

"They're eager to learn the Word of God, and they're eager to hear the Gospel. Then they are eager to tell it to other people," he said.

Encouraged by that eagerness, the Davises work to share God's love with the Lozi, who live in remote villages near the Zambezi River.

They plant churches and train church leaders. They disciple

Lozi Christians, teaching them to grow in their faith in Jesus Christ, apply it to their lives and their culture, and share it with others.

When a recent volunteer group left Shawna Davis colored fabric to make "wordless books," she felt God had given her a useful tool for ministry.

Wordless books use colors to tell the story of Christ: black is for sin. Red is for Jesus' blood, which cleanses believers, leaving a pure white heart. Green means to grow with God, and yellow is for heaven, when believers meet Christ face to face.

Mary Chipango, the wife of a Zambian missionary to the Lozi, planned to teach the lesson to village women. She would give a felt book to each woman who taught the lesson back to her, much like her lessons with Davis.

Davis and Chipango worried that when the books ran out, some women would be unwilling to tell the story without a tangible tool. They prayed about using colored beads, knitting with colored yarn, or weaving mats of dyed grass.

"I was just at home and I was thinking about it, and I said, 'You know, there has got to be a simpler way,'" Shawna Davis said. "I decided to write the lesson up and get it in Solozzi using just soil, black soil, for sin."

Black soil led to other symbols the Lozi can see: red seeds or flowers for Jesus' blood. The familiar white clouds of the rainy season for a pure heart, green grass for growth, and yellow flowers, bananas, or mangoes for heaven.



PRAYERS TO THE FATHER — God is at work in the remote villages of Lozi people along Africa's Zambezi River. Missionaries Daren and Shawna Davis share the good news of God's love with people in bondage to fear — and lives are being changed. (Photo by Warren F. Johnson)

"Mary said she was able to take the lesson about how to share the Gospel with colors to 15 different villages and teach the women," Shawna Davis said.

The Lozi women can easily remember and use the color story to tell their friends and children about God's saving grace. The women have even begun to innovate, finding the colors all around them — even in the bright Zambian cloth they wear.

As the women spread the salvation story through the villages, Daren and Shawna Davis pray that more Lozi will experience God in an undeniable way.

"I know a lot of people pray for our safety and our health and pray for our family," Shawna said, "and I would

want them to include just praying for this area.

"Just praying that barriers would be brought down, that the walls would be broken down so that they could see and taste a little bit of what God has for them — that they would know God's love."

• See Daren and Shawna Davis at work: <http://real.imb.org:8080/ramgen/Media/zambia201.rm>.

• Daren and Shawna Davis' ministry among the Lozi is just one story told on a free new video, "Africa: Behind the Wall." To order, visit <http://www.imb.org/resources> or call toll-free (800) 866-3621.

• "Africa's Hope," the July/August edition of TConline, at <http://www.tconline.org>.



WAITING — Two Lozi men wait for a ferry that plies the waters of the Zambezi River. Western Zambia's Lozi people group live in remote villages along the river. (Photo by Warren F. Johnson)

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Benin missionaries praying for harvest workers

ADJOHOUN, Benin (BP) — More than 250 people of Benin's Weme people group accepted Christ when Southern Baptist volunteers conducted eye and dental clinics in eight villages.

Medical outreach plays a key role in the strategy missionaries Bob and Becky Coutts are using to share the good news of salvation in Jesus with the Weme. The clinics provide inroads for the Gospel by showing compassion and meeting physical needs in Jesus' name, said Becky Coutts.

After being treated, each patient hears a personal witness and has the opportunity to accept Christ. "This often gives us credibility and receptive hearts in the community," she said.

Jim Butner, an ophthalmologist from Vinita, Okla., and Ken Williams, a dentist in Goodlettsville, Tenn., provided volunteer optical and dental services.

During the eight eye clinics, Butner saw more than 650 patients with eye problems ranging from "over-40" reading difficulty to serious glaucoma.

Many received free eye-

glasses donated from the United States. "You should have seen the smiles of joy on the faces of several older men and women who suddenly were able to see again when we placed glasses on them!" Becky Coutts said.

The joy of glasses, however, was quickly surpassed by the joy of Christ. More than 175 patients from the eye clinics accepted Christ — most of whom had been voodoo

worshippers — and the seven dental clinics saw similar results. Williams treated 247 patients, extracted 420 teeth, and watched 113 people accept Jesus as Savior.

Because many patients at both the eye and dental clinics believed in voodoo, their gratefulness and openness to the Gospel was an answer to prayer.

"The devil will take any foothold he can get and go from there," Williams said, "but I've seen answer to prayer on these trips, time and time again. I've seen things happen that it has to be only the work of God."

Many of the dental patients were eager to begin Bible studies the following day. Doors have opened to begin Bible storying groups, both with new believers and those expressing interest in following Jesus.

The Coutses are following up on the decisions made during the clinics.

"The Lord is working and doors are open," Becky Coutts said. "Please join us in asking the Lord for wisdom and for laborers in the follow-up harvest."

• Prayer requests for the Weme of Benin: <http://www.imb.org/CompassionNet/people-grps.asp>.

• Video: 500 baptized in two years in Benin: <http://real.imb.org:8080/ramgen/Media/BeninFL.rm>.

• Meet the Mokole of Benin: <http://www.wmu.com/wmu/organizations/aom/people/mokole.html>.



MINISTRY OF SIGHT — Jim Butner (left), an ophthalmologist from Vinita, Okla., worked with missionaries Bob and Becky Coutts to conduct eight eye clinics for Weme people in rural Benin villages. Through the eye clinics and seven dental clinics, Butner and dentist Ken Williams of Goodlettsville, Tenn., treated more than 650 patients and helped lead 250 Weme people to Christ. (BP photo courtesy of Jim Butner)

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Obeying the risen Lord

Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:1-11

By Kathy Mord Alford

My dad pointed me to the ancient Studebaker Lark, fore-runner of the modern four-wheeler, with orders to round up milk cows from the back forty. I was thirteen, knew more than he did, and, therefore, didn't need driving lessons.

For a few weeks, I jolted around the farm in the car, though the rides often felt more like a bucking bronco than a Studebaker. Daddy heard me one day as I gunned the motor for a tentative takeoff. Determining that I was peeling off in third gear, he insisted on a visual demonstration of shifting gears. Since then, driving has predictably progressed to assure a smoother ride.

Jesus teaches us how to drive before he puts us behind the

steering wheel. The disciples received his command of the Great Commission only after three years of intense preparation and training.

During that time, Jesus had modeled a standard of living to numerous followers who were attracted to his teachings. Not all of the disciples committed to the life Jesus demanded of them; some fell away, for they would not declare a firm allegiance and refused to accept Jesus' difficult statements (Jn 6:66, Mt 28:17b).

We naturally think of evangelism when we hear, "Go ye therefore..." and, honestly, it's a bit intimidating to me, because my original idea of evangelism was walking up to a stranger and quoting Bible verses from memory. As I look more closely



Alford

at Jesus' command in Matthew 28, however, I see that this is not exactly what Jesus is telling us to do.

Granted, it is a gift that some of you have; if so, it is right for you to do it. For those of us not gifted in evangelism, I am relieved to discover that fulfilling the Great

Commission is possible for any committed believer.

The first step we take is to follow his teaching. "Making disciples" (*matheteuo*) is, simply, instruction accompanied by effort: We live the way Jesus lived. We make available to all people what Jesus has revealed to us by the way he lived. Logic dictates then that we study Jesus' lifestyle.

In all Jesus did on earth, he glorified the Father. Whether he was healing, praying, teaching, serving, resting, cleansing the temple, confronting evil, or dying, his ultimate purpose was to reveal who God the Father is through his activities and attitudes.

Each word he spoke, each body he healed, and each breath he took demonstrated to his disciples the divine attributes. His earthly mission of seeking and saving sinners to restore us to a perfect relationship with God revealed love, mercy, justice, wisdom, faithfulness, and holiness, all facets of God's glory.

The next thing Jesus tells us to do, while we are modeling his lifestyle to the world, is to baptize those who covenant with Jesus and to teach them who he is. From the modeling comes the commitment; then the teaching follows. The word "teach" (*didasko*) here implies a relationship between teacher and student.

Once again, as Jesus relates to us in a personal way, so are we to relate to those who have committed to the Lordship of Christ. What we communicate to these disciples in our relationship with them should reveal God's glory.

Conversely, Ivan Parke, pastor and Mississippi College

professor, introduces the idea of how God's glory can be concealed. Anything we do that is contrary to his will or that paints a false picture of God will obscure who he is. When we promote ourselves through impure motives, publicized good deeds, or self-seeking accomplishments, we steal what rightfully belongs to God, transferring his glory to ourselves.

As Christians, we are merely to be instruments in God's hand to be used by him to will and to work for his good pleasure. Encouragement and affirmation have their role, but God should always be given credit for the gifts he gives us to accomplish his work.

Isaiah 43:7 tells us that God created us for his glory, and he commands us to represent him in the world only after we have learned from him.

Now, as we receive his power and authority, let us know, go, and show.

Alford is a member of First Church, McComb.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Love keeps going on

Hosea 11:1-11

By Harold Simmons

This lesson is a review of the continuous love pattern of God for his people. His love does not give up but goes on even when the love is met with stony hearts. Rebellious living grieves the Lord but it does not stop his love for the covenant people. People should be thankful to have God's persistent gracious love bestowed upon them.

God's love for the young nation (vv. 1-4). Hosea describes God's relationship with his people in terms of parental care and development for a child. "When Israel was a child, I loved him (v. 1)."

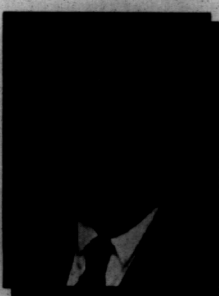
There is a great tenderness

in that statement that shows God's love for Israel when they were a fledgling nation.

God called the nation out of bondage in Egypt.

The word used here for "called" (v. 1) gives the image of the Bobwhite quail who gives out the "gather call" to the covey that has scattered. God was forming the nation, but it was not to God that they answered the call. It was to the gods of the nations around them (v. 2).

Even though it was God that freed them from bondage, gave them the world's highest moral standard (his laws), and established them as a nation, Israel turned to idols. God



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gave them the very best and they turned it down for something less.

God offers us salvation and has shown the greatest love to us. He even gave his Holy Spirit to help us with the Christian life. Today, many turn their backs on the offer. This is a rejection of God Most

High. We have a need to recognize the many ways that God shows his love to us.

God's love continues under rejection (vv. 5-7). God continued to love Israel even though they rejected him at every turn. His punishment for them was that they would not return to Egypt but would go into exile in Assyria.

Israel demonstrated continual and determined rejection (vv. 5-7). They did not deserve the love God showered on them.

Each time God made an attempt to love them back into

the covenant relationship, Israel became that much more determined to go against the will of God.

Every rejection made their hearts harder. Their hearts were so hard that any conciliation they attempted was shallow and meaningless.

God's love is unimaginable (vv. 8-9). It is difficult to comprehend the depth of God's ability to love his people. Even when his people blatantly rebel against him, he loves them.

Since God is not impassionate and Israel broke his heart with their lifestyle. Neither is God "soft on sin." He wanted to find a way to lead them to trust and obey him.

God uses every method today to lead wayward people into a loving relationship with him. His primary method of reaching people is using those who love him to tell others about the incredible love of God.

God's love overcomes all obstacles (vv. 10-11). Even though God gave the message of destruction of the nation, he promised his love would continue. It will be from a group of exiled Israelites that the nation will rise again and they will return to the promised land to begin a revived nation.

This group of people is the repentant people who are sincere in returning God's love. God's love will overcome. He will continue to work out his redemptive plan for mankind but will do so with people who are responsive to him.

Let's not fall into the trap that the 8th century B.C. Israelites did. We do well if we read and heed the message of Hosea about the love of God. Our nation is a long way from being the people he wants. The time for change is now and the opportunity will not last for ever. "Come let us return to the Lord."

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